

*All  
Things*



*Considered  
1999*

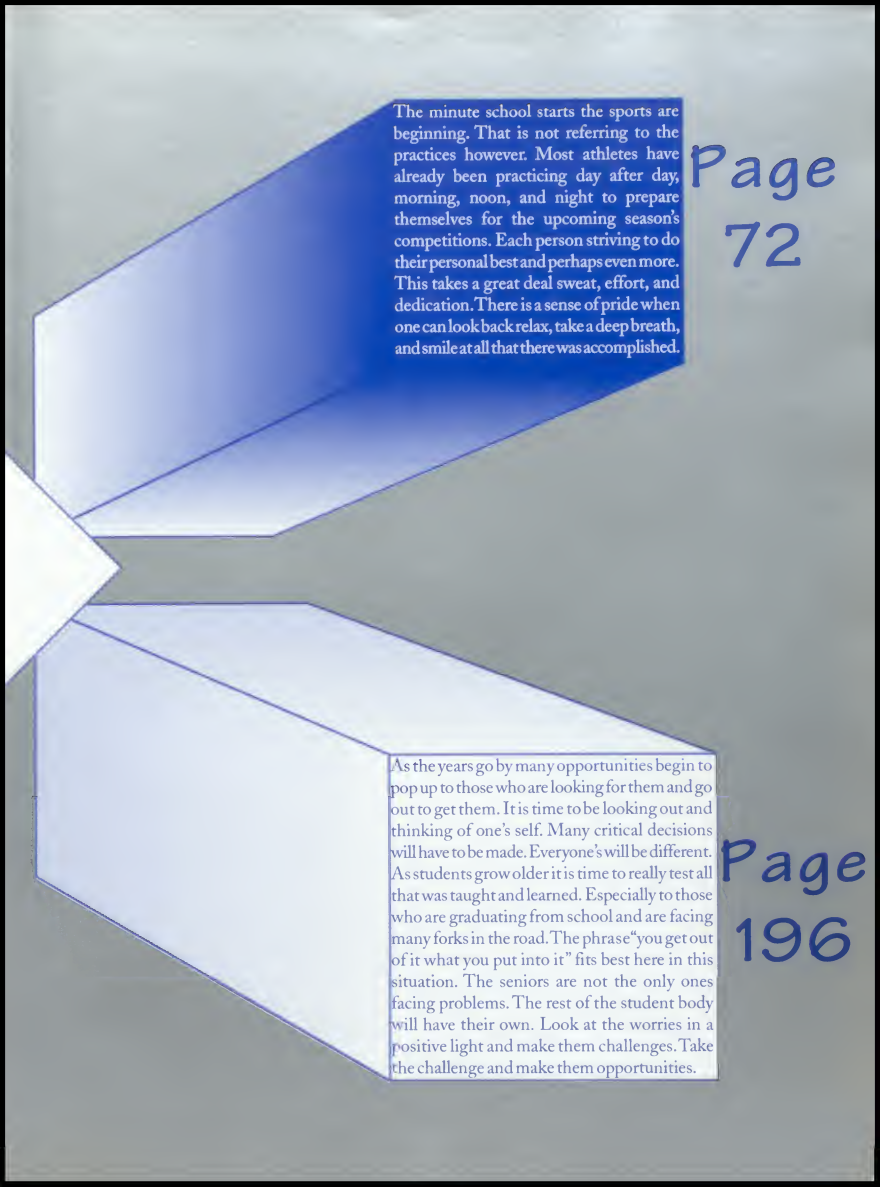
**LEGEND**

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Throughout the school year there are many activities that the student body can get involved with. Most of these activities deal with the clubs the school offers. These range from clubs that one has to be chosen for, for example Honor Society, to clubs that anyone can join. In any case many of these clubs are very involved with the community. Different clubs sponsor dances, bake sales, car washes, and engage in a variety of other programs like the Christmas In April program. It is not all work however. With clubs, it is a chance to meet a lot of new people who may share the same interests, views, and goals.

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Everyone has their own interests and hobbies. So it is no surprise to walk down the halls and see each individual expressing their own uniqueness, and individuality. Many people are now discovering who they are and what is important to them in their lives, or perhaps getting their priorities straightened out. Each person has their own dreams or goals to reach out for and are in the process of preparing themselves for the future. Many friendships are made from this. There is always something new to learn and share with each other for that long journey that is called life.

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The minute school starts the sports are beginning. That is not referring to the practices however. Most athletes have already been practicing day after day, morning, noon, and night to prepare themselves for the upcoming season's competitions. Each person striving to do their personal best and perhaps even more. This takes a great deal sweat, effort, and dedication. There is a sense of pride when one can look back relax, take a deep breath, and smile at all that there was accomplished.

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As the years go by many opportunities begin to pop up to those who are looking for them and go out to get them. It is time to be looking out and thinking of one's self. Many critical decisions will have to be made. Everyone's will be different. As students grow older it is time to really test all that was taught and learned. Especially to those who are graduating from school and are facing many forks in the road. The phrase "you get out of it what you put into it" fits best here in this situation. The seniors are not the only ones facing problems. The rest of the student body will have their own. Look at the worries in a positive light and make them challenges. Take the challenge and make them opportunities.

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There are an estimated 2400 students that come to Portage High School. Each one different and unique in their own way. However when it comes to school spirit, that is when the student body comes together as a whole to show their support for one another.



Opening





Photography by Katherine Garri

*T*iming it carefully freshman Sonya Brubaker tries to drop an egg in the cup. Freshman Candace Gardner winces with anticipation as sophomore Ashley Safstrom laughs at Gardner's misfortune.

*P*articipating in the pep rally, juniors Cheryl Bueglar and Dessire Franco show a little innocent competition.

Both Franco and Bueglar show their school spirit by participating in the junior class ski.



Photography by Katherine Garri

*A*s students first enter the halls of PHS, they realize that another year will come and go. What changes will they have to encounter this year? Could it be new teachers, new friends and faces? Or could it be that the wrath of block scheduling has finally taken hold of the administrators at Portage High School. Since last year, rumors of block scheduling have been floating in and out of the halls. Well, the fears of some students came true. This year block scheduling was brought into effect and immediately students turned their backs without considering the opportunities.

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*Christina Barajas*

**Elizabeth Batista**

*A long with block scheduling, the medley of new rules and teachers signified a year full of fresh learning experiences. These experiences were not to be dampened by rain, sleet, hail, and snow as Portage High School's motto once again was "The Show Must Go On!" During the blizzard of '99, even though all of the other schools in Porter and Lake County were not in attendance, the doors at PHS were still wide open. The students along with faculty had to cope with the hardships of Mother Nature. No, there was not the famous "ten feet of snow, barefoot" journey to school, but many students and staff members arose to meet their challenges head on.*

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*Part of enjoying your high school years is to participate in as many activities as you can. Junior Aaron Priest was involved in the fall play "The Bad Seed" where he portrayed the father. Priest is also the president of the junior class and participated in the fall play last year.*



*Photograph by: Melissa Fritz*

*Senior night is a big event for students involved in sports. Sophomores Brook Wozniak and Jacklyn DuVrees are there to show their team unity. It is a tradition for the senior athletes to leave something for the lower classmen to remember them by.*



*Photograph by: Kate ...*



In the homecoming parade several freshmen rode on their class float, while others walked along side and threw candy to the onlookers.

Katherine Garris

At the homecoming football game against Michigan City, a group of students cheer on the team. This homecoming the football team won the game 34-0.

Katherine Garris

Part of the excitement of homecoming is the Marching Indians at the football homecoming parade. This year the Marching Indians traveled close and far.

Katherine Garris



At the homecoming game against Michigan City, the Indians tried their hardest, using different tactics and strategies to win the game.

Katherine Garris

In a burst of excitement, the football team joins together to begin the game. Part of the teams successful season was the constant motivation they gave. Peprallies also contributed to team spirit.

Katherine Garris





**H**omecoming, one of the most anticipated events of the year, gave students a chance to show school spirit. Some celebrated homecoming by painting

*show some* themselves while others went to the pep rally and football game.

"Homecoming is a way to celebrate a football game. My favorite part of homecoming was throwing all the confetti at the rally," junior Matthew Mahns said. Part of the pep

rally consisted of each class acting out a skit. "The pep rally was en-

tertaining. I thought the junior's wrestling act was the best," junior James Pekar said. Then came the football game. "It was raining really hard and it was cold but we won and that's all that matters," sophomore Scott Knutsen said. The Indians shut out the Wolves 32-0.

*spirit*



The senior class congregates together at the homecoming pep rally. Each of the classes helped out and competed against each other with skits.

Focusing on the game together is sophomore David Klimczyk and junior James Oliver. Both had played in many games before the homecoming game.



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## Baring Opinions

**S**he walks down the hallway thinking about how good she looks in her new spaghetti strap tank top and how everyone must be looking at her. Suddenly there is a tap on her shoulder, turning around is a principal standing there, "Come with me please." As she is lead down to the office, the only thing she can think about is how embarrassing it is.

The new dress code has sent some of Portage High School students in an uproar. The "shoulders must be covered at all times" addition has been the biggest downfall. Students feel they should be allowed to wear tank tops to school.

Junior Sarah Alsman said, "Most of my clothes were tank tops, so when I started school I did not have anything to wear. If it's nice out, we should be allowed to wear tank tops. It's not endangering anybody else so they don't have any right to control what we wear."

Some students understand why the rule was made, but they still do not agree with it. Junior Sarah May said, "I

think the tank top rule was made because girls were going too far, and they don't want us to look sleazy. I understand that the school made the tank tops rule because skimpy clothes are not school appropriate, and spaghetti straps are skimpy, but not all tank tops are bad."

Wearing tank tops to school is made possible by adding shear shirts over to little sweaters. Guys on the other hand have to find wider straps that cover their entire shoulder. "I think people should be allowed to wear them [tank tops] if they have them, it doesn't reveal anything," said junior Dale Gebert. Most students do not agree with the dress code. "I would change the dress code to where people can wear what they want. It is just clothing, and if people don't like what other people think about what they wear, then don't wear it!" said junior Krystal Levai.

Students opinions may vary but one thing always comes to mind and will probably never change, the phrase, "You can't please everybody."

Written by Jennifer Kaiser

## schools become unsafe for everyone now a days, including students

### administration locks

Along with the "No Open Containers" and the "Driving Privilege" additions, there is a new form of protection; more security during school hours.

The administration feels the students are not protected enough. In order to make them feel safer, they have locked all of the doors during school hours and posted signs on the door. The only doors that are open during school are the main doors in East and West (entrances A and B). Inside the buildings by the entrances there are teachers assigned to monitor those doors. If a visitor were to come to the school for any such reason, they would have to speak with the teacher first. The visitor would then sign in and be issued a guest pass. The pass would have to be worn during the entire visit in the build-

ing. When the visitor wanted to leave, they would then have to return to the designated teacher and sign out the time that they left.

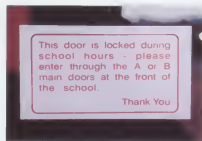
Due to the crimes committed in schools across the country, this new system is designed to protect the safety and well being of every body in the building. The one thing that may cause a problem is when students are late to school. They must go through the same procedure in signing in with the teacher and then in turn signing in with attendance. This may cause some confusion with

their first block teacher as to what time they came in and may be marked absent. The students will go through various steps to fix everything.

Although it may seem bad to some students, some of the teachers do not feel the same. "Many people (in the community) have responded with positive comments on our new system. Most of them seem to like it and they let us know about it with compliments when they visit the school," Mrs. Lynn Huerta said.

With new additions coming and going, everyone will have to learn to adjust to the changes.

Written by Kimberly McGee



Photograph for Visitor Violation



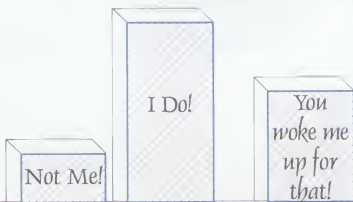
# Open containers still cause problems

If you are thirsty at school you might want to think about bringing in some money or settling for water because you can not bring in anything from home. The administration is in fear of some students bringing in alcohol in their Fruitopia bottle or vodka in an Evian container, so they started to crack down

on open containers. Students who disobey this rule will be suspended or given a Saturday class. It may not seem fair that students can not bring in open containers, but the administration is just looking out for the well being of the students. Those students who dislike the rule will just have to adjust.

written by: A. Whitson & M. Howard

*How many students bring in open containers anyway?*



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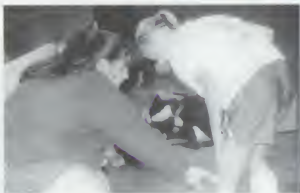


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*Students may lose their driving privilege if...*

1. They are suspended twice in a school year.
2. They are expelled from school.
3. They receive (4) truant absences in a school year.
4. They withdraw from school.

compiled by: Tiffany Ramirez



Photograph by Katherine Carris

“I think the driving rule is stupid. If you don't come to school then you lose your license. But what if it is necessary for you to have a license? Then what are you going to do?”  
sophomore Kristen Selund

There is a new state driving rule to try and prevent students from missing school. The rule was specifically made for those students who chose not to go to school, withdrew from school, or have done something to be removed from school. If a student falls under any of the four categories listed he/she may lose their privilege to drive to school.

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## Make the Right Choice

All 18 year olds have to make a choice. Whether or not to fulfill their civil duty and vote.

"I think that 18 year olds don't vote because they don't believe in the ideas of the government. They think they exercise their rights of the country by not voting, but in all actuality they're missing out on their rights by not using their voice to select a worthy bureaucrat," said sophomore Adam Higgins.

Many of the students interviewed agree that 18 year olds do not vote because of mere laziness, or the thought that their vote does not count. "Eighteen year olds do not vote, because they don't think that one person will make

a difference. That's why my sister didn't vote. I myself don't agree," sophomore Monica Bedroya. Other students did not have the same feelings.

"Eighteen year olds don't vote because they either don't know the candidates or they don't understand the issues on hand. Therefore, they feel that they shouldn't vote. Some feel as though it doesn't have anything to do with them, so why should they vote?" said senior Joseph Stanley.

Some students may not think voting has anything to do with them, but

it does. They take part in choosing who will lead their country. Some students just do not understand the concept of voting, or do not care.

"Most 18 year olds don't really know why people don't vote. I guess that most seniors don't care. They just want to get out of school and get out on their own. They don't want to waste their new time of freedom on voting, just yet," said senior Aaron Jeffers.

Next time the elections come around, eighteen year olds should take it seriously, learn about the candidates, make the right decision for them and their community; and vote.

**VOTE**

## Take a look at

What's  
**Hot**

&

What's  
**Not**

High Heeled Platforms  
Bootcut Jeans  
Black Leather Jackets  
Quarter Length Sleeves  
Cargo Pants  
Bell Bottoms  
Long Skirts with Slits  
Tank Tops  
Fuzzy Sweaters  
V-Necked Shirts  
Short Hair

compiled by:

Sandals with Socks  
Wide Leg Jeans  
Long Trench Coats  
Camouflage  
Knee-High Tights  
Ripped Jeans  
Baby Tee's  
Chains on Wallets  
Turtleneck Shirts  
Sweatpants  
Dying Hair with Kool-Aid

Jennifer Kuiser



# Songs that Topped the Charts

compiled by Nicholas Christian

1<sup>st</sup> **N'sync**

God must have spent a little more time on you

2<sup>nd</sup> **Jay Z**

Can I get a what...

3<sup>rd</sup> **Master P**

Make 'em say ugh

4<sup>th</sup> **Aaliyah**

Are you that somebody

5<sup>th</sup> **Blink 182**

Dammit

6<sup>th</sup> **Offspring**

Pretty fly for a white guy

7<sup>th</sup> **Monifa**

Touch it

8<sup>th</sup> **Will Smith**

Miami



9<sup>th</sup> **Beastie Boys**

Intergalactic

10<sup>th</sup> **Mya, Blackstreet, Mase, Blinky Blink**

Take me there

11<sup>th</sup> **Jennifer Paige**

Crush

12<sup>th</sup> **DMX**

How's it going down

13<sup>th</sup> **Mya**

Movin' on

14<sup>th</sup> **Everclear**

Father of mine

15<sup>th</sup> **Monica**

Angel of mine

What's your opinion on the rule against "disruptive items" in school?



"CD players should be allowed in school, because it doesn't really interfere with school so why not allow them?"



"I think that you should be able to bring your personal property, but you should be responsible to care for it and use it only between classes."



"I think it is stupid. Why bring in CD players anyway? Because they'll just get broken or stolen from."

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Who they are:

What they do:

Where you've spotted them:

How they came to be:

What's in a name:

Who influenced them:

Jack in the Pulpit



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## Indiana Driver's License

Junior Aaron Priest



### Fact or Fiction?

Fiction

Fiction

Fact

Fact

compiled by: Shannon Curi

### How do you feel about Resource Hour?



photograph by Melissa Fritz

senior Autumn Alderson

"I think resource hour is a good idea because if you need help on a certain subject you could get a better understanding if you go directly to that teacher."



photograph by Katherine Carris

senior Krista King

"I feel it is pointless. The students don't get anything out of it but 20 minutes of getting to the class, sitting down, and then watching the bell ring."



photograph by Katherine Carris

sophomore Aaron Flores

"Resource hour is a good idea, but some teachers don't pay attention and the kids who need the time can't get the help they need cause a lot of teachers are teaching new material."



# Blasting

## again

On October 29, 1998, at 1:19 P.M. John Glenn was launched into space from NASA's

Kennedy Space Center Launch Complex 39-B. Glenn, returning to the space program after 36 years, not only performed many tests, but was actually a test himself.



Astronauts Steve Robinson, right, John Glenn, center, and Chiaki Mukai are shown in this video image during the ascent stage of the launch of the space shuttle Discovery Thursday, Oct. 29, 1998.

"I will serve as a payload specialist and a subject for basic research on how weightlessness affects the body of an

older person," said Glenn during a press conference. The tests were to help treat the frailties of old age, as well as to benefit younger astronauts and people. At the same time, Glenn was also making history by becoming the oldest person to ever be launched into space. "At 77 years of age, I will be the oldest astronaut to fly in space by 16 years and nearly twice the age of the average astronaut," said Glenn.

to vocational and regular parking areas.

If you have not noticed, the arrangement contains the front and left side of the east building for the busses, and is blocked off during school hours because, "The area by the tennis courts was an accident waiting to happen," said Hale. The student parking lot is available on the right side of the east building and in the front of the west building. The administrators were a little skeptical about the procedure but, "Early signs indicate that this procedure is working, and the only way is because of cooperation," said Hale. It may have been hard to remember but the students adjusted well.



The Space Shuttle Discovery, carrying a crew of seven astronauts including Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, thunders off the launch pad Thursday afternoon Oct. 29, 1998.

written by:

## What's Next?

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CONFUSED

## White House

One of the biggest controversies to find Capital Hill this year was not something planned at the White House. It was in the White House. The person responsible for it was not a "little person" either; it was "Big Bad Bill".

It all started in 1994 when Paula Jones, a government employee, was pressing charges on the president for sexual harassment. Without any witnesses or physical evidence, the Supreme Court dropped the case saying that "with the circumstances being what they are with the lack of evidence the case would be dropped". Then White House intern Monica Lewinsky came forward with a taped conversation and physical evidence of her story. The Supreme Court now accepted the case.

Now with these accusations, the United States would be amazed that a man of power would literally be caught with his

"pants down". The president turned the tables and played the victim by saying he was innocent and was being taken advantage of because of his powerful position.

For the next six months, the whole world would believe Clinton's word when he proclaimed his innocence every chance he had. Until via satellite on trial and under oath, Clinton confessed to having a sexual

relationship with Lewinsky. Clinton apologized to the whole nation for having a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Then he went into detail about the account which everybody was disgusted in and left Mrs. Clinton questioning their marriage.

The end of 1998 will bring the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton on trial for violating rules and laws. The entrenchment has lost a great deal of respect for Clinton and the

government. When a person with high profile does something like this and gets away with it, people become upset because the person is given special treatment and the average Joe would not get away with it.

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AP Photo Charles Rembert

A Chicago-bound commuter reads the morning headlines about President Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky as he heads to work Tuesday, Aug 18 1998



AP Photo Danny Johnston

Independent Counsel Ken Starr talks to reporters outside of the Little Rock, Ark., federal court house Thursday, Aug 20 1998



Monica Lewinsky arrives at her attorney's Washington office Tuesday, July 28, 1998



AP Photo AP/N

President Clinton listens to questions concerning his discussion with secretary Betty Curle about him being alone with Lewinsky

## Top Grossing Movies

- 1 Armageddon
- 2 Saving Private Ryan
- 3 Godzilla
- 4 Deep Impact
- 5 Lethal Weapon 4
- 6 The Doolittle
- 7 Something About Mary
- 8 The Truman Show
- 9 Milan
- 10 City of Angels

## Least Grossing Movies

- 1 Mr. Nice Guy
- 2 Why Fools Fall In Love
- 3 Holyman
- 4 Deep Rising
- 5 Barney's Great Adventure
- 6 The Newton Boys
- 7 Knock Off
- 8 The Spanish Prisoner
- 9 Sir Bud: Golden Receiver
- 10 Dirty Work

compiled by: Nicholas Christian

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# Record Breaking

**S**eason It all starts in late April with some thoughts of a legendary record being broken. For one man to do it would be amazing, two would be unthinkable.

Well, one thing led to another and 135 balls and \$776.25 dollars later (Five dollars and seventy-five cents per ball.), in late September Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sammy

Sosa of the Chicago Cubs both beat the record for having 61 homeruns in a single season. Mark McGwire was the first to surpass this record. Then just a few games later, Sammy Sosa also broke the record.

Mark McGwire was thought

to break the mark when he had an amazing eight homeruns in his first 10 games. That same unbelievable record brought back many of the fans that lost interest in the game after the strike shortened season of '94. McGwire "cooled" off toward the All-Star break that marks the middle of the season, but then turned on the afterburners as soon as the All-Star break ended. The rest is history.

Sammy Sosa started off slow. Only to pick up in the middle of the season and never look back. Not only did he break the record of 61 homeruns in a single season, but he was also the first Puerto Rican to do so.

Both McGwire and Sosa had a remarkable season that is sure to go down in the record books.



Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa watches his 61st home run leave the park during a game against the Brewers on Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998.



St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 against the Chicago Cubs in St. Louis, Tuesday Sept. 8, 1998.

AP/Wide World

## Handbooks,

## necessity or nuisance?

Illustration by Regina Gadinis

**4** Mark, one that holds many answers. Also less the principals see if the You're thinking a Riddle right? students are allowed out of their

Wrong! One book that has such power as to let us use the bathroom, make up some homework and allow us to enter our own school, is the power of the **HANDBOOK.**

The handbook allows the students passes for resources, hour and to go to other classrooms. It

**"We all don't need them (handbooks), but if you do get in trouble it is a good resource to look back upon."**

Junior Ricardo Viera

classes or not. Even though the basic opinion of the handbook is that students may not want to carry it around, they may find that it is helpful.

Basically, the handbook will answer any questions about school students may have.

Photograph by Knutson/Ogden



*All*

# **Activities**

*Considered*

*Many students choose to get involved in school*

**Joining one another “at the pole” juniors**  
*activities. Junior Mark Wiseman participates in a*

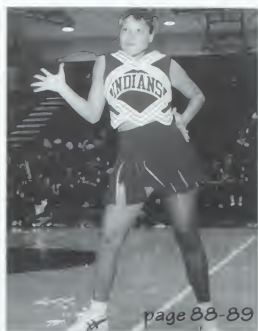
**Heather Vondrasik, Tresa Szabo, and Jennifer**  
*game for leadership class. Others may choose to be*

**Rhodus pray with the Youth Alive group. Senior**  
*involved in athletic training, such as seniors*

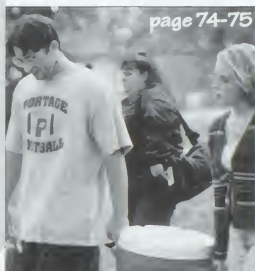
**Amanda Pirowski shows off her cheerleading**  
*Heather Jaques and Robert Wells.*

**moves during a basketball game.**





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*Front Row:* Sara Crowley, Rachel Vallejo, Adam Velazquez, Emily Craighead, Curt Shaffer, Cassandra Hendon, Kelly Pokorney *Second Row:* Nichole Leone, Jason Fields, Karin Lyshoj, Jennifer Josivoff, Kayla Rawdon, Tressa Sabo, Nicholas Rodgers, Kellie Wincinger, Tara Cardenas *Third Row:* John Hrisofos, Erin Wendt, Jake Shear, Angela Roberts, Deanna Zych, Brian Zingo, Krista King, Brian Sarnowski, Brandi Heyse, Sara Fazekas, Kristen Leon



## Symphonic Choir

When the music is in the air, Miss Riggs

How Many? 31

*What a beautiful sound!* The choir raffled off a cruise, sponsored a Burger King benefit night, held a Christmas beanie baby raffle, wrapped presents at Barnes and Nobles, sang at a Lenten service and participated in Hire the Choir, an event that allows people to have the choir do odd jobs around their houses, the choir held a fall concert, a Christmas concert, sacred concert, and a pre-concert concert, students participated in American Sings in Washington D.C., an Evening with Gershwin, District solo/ensemble contest, state solo/ensemble and ISSMA organization contest. "My favorite parts of choir this year was the trip to Washington, D.C., preparing the music, having fun, and doing service projects," sophomore Sara Crowley said.

# Say



sophomore Kathryn Trathen

"Along with singing, each week we have a choir quote. We listen to music and tell everything we can about it."

"My favorite part of choir is the relationships you form with the other members. When everyone puts forth the effort we are able to become like a large family."



sophomore Erin Wendt

photographs by  
Marcus Rainwater

# What?



*While in class* sophomore Sara Crowley practices for a contest. Crowley participated in choraliers as well as symphonic choir.

*During a break in her* part, Junior Gina Koenemann waits for her turn to re-enter the piece. The concert choir held four concerts through the entire year.



While another group of students, senior Krista King and junior Angela Roberts look over their parts in the piece. Synphonic choir held many fundraisers including candy sales.



Photograph by: Stephanie Rolland



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The symphonic choir prepares for a performance in Washington, D.C. The choir went to the nation's capital for America's Sing.

During class freshman Jocelyn Crisp and senior Marisol Flores sing. Crisp and Flores were part of the concert choir.



Photograph by: Amber Holman



## Concert Choir

Ms. Riggs

How Many? 54

Concert choir participated in the music department fundraiser, choir held a fall concert, a Christmas concert, a sacred concert and a pre-contest concert, students also participated in ISSMA organization contest and a choir festival, "An Even song with Gershwin," some students took part in district solo and ensemble, "My favorite thing about choir was just the thought of singing," freshman Sunshine Thomas said.

**Front Row:** Jennifer Novotny, Christina Vega, Ada Everts, Jesse Lembeck, Jason Michael Bristow, Brian Sarnowski, Nicole Flannery, Tabitha Joselyn, Marina Mendez **Second Row:** Heather Tidwell, Sunshine Thomas, Kelly Snow, Marisol Flores, Robert Vega, Jason Fields, Stephanie Olson, Ryan Garcia, Tiffany Lee, Krista **Third Row:** Yasmin Fontane, Nicole O'Connor, Brittney Chamberlain, Amanda Elkins, Holly Burgess, Karen Darnell, Samantha Hedger, Shreeca Walker, Carrie Owens, Chara Bucy, Kelly Fulkerson **Fourth Row:** Karen Jones, Kody Jones, Tiffany Rigoni, Michelle Coates, Jocelyn Crisp, Melaine Benz, Tiffany Galasso, Anna Reeves, Larry Foster, Lisa Chapman, Gina Koeneemann, Sabrina Leto, Kimberly Reese, Danielle Marquez, Yvonne Daril, Natalie Pagan.



Photograph by: Stephanie Rolland

To perfect the song, juniors Amy Barwig and Rhonda McQuery practice their parts. The choir held a food drive to distribute in Washington, D.C.



In order to prepare for upcoming performances, freshman Shelby Luna and junior Tiffany Castagna share a sheet to study and memorize their parts.

In Girls' Glee sophomores Wendy Eastwood, and Rachel Fisher follow along as their teacher, Miss. Riggs, tells them ways that will help them to improve on their singing skills.



Photograph by: Jennifer Varras



Photograph by: Jennifer Varras

Say

“It’s a lot of hard work, but we have a lot of fun and you make a lot of good friends.”



Sophomore Sara Crowley

“My favorite part of being a chorister is the commitment of the members toward getting their work done.”



Senior Jason Fields

What?

photographs by Stephanie Lofland



Photograph by: Jennifer Varras

In class, Mrs. Riggs went over a worksheet she handed out. In May the girls participated in the Choir Festival “An Evening With Gershwin”.

Front Row: Shannon Sandlin, Tiffany Sherwood, Lisa May, Shannon Smolar, Patty Volle, Heidi Durkin, Shelby Luna, Tiffany Castagna, Sabrina Leto. Second Row: Kristen Crouch, Emily Henke, Jessica Santos, Lori Alicea, Patricia Snoder, Jaime Conn, Valerie Borg, Rachel Hood, Triana Hasselgren, Amber Shewmaker, Tabitha Lee. Back Row: Tiffany Hagen, Kathleen Appelmann, Valerie Warner, Katie Lurch, Wendy Eastwood, Alicia Roman, Rachel Fisher, Cindy Howard, Alice Farr.



Girls' Glee

How Many? 25

They have accomplished the Fall Concert, Christmas Concert, Festival, Sacred and Pre-Contest concerts. “The best part of choir is seeing how far we’ve come since the beginning of the year,” said freshman Shelby Luna. “We learn how to work together. You can’t be in choir without it,” said sophomore Tiffany Sherwood. “It’s fun when we get our work done and everyone works together,” said sophomore Triana Hasselgren.



## Choraliers

Miss Wendy Riggs

How Many? 15

President Cassandra Hendon  
Vice President Rachel Vallejo

What are you all about? "The choraliers are like a family," said sophomore Curt Shaffer. "My favorite part of choraliers is the commitment of the members toward getting their work done," said senior Jason Fields. The Choraliers also have done Burger King fundraisers, Church banquets, Prime Timers concert, Knights of Columbus, and they performed at the mid-term graduation.

*Front Row:* Krista King, Kayla Rawdon, Kelly Pokorney *Second Row:* Rachel Vallejo, Kathryn Trathen, Sara Crowley, Curt Shaffer, Kevin Liswey, Cassandra Hendon *Back Row:* Brian Zingo, Shannon Smolar, Shelby Luna, Erin Wendt, Diana Zych, Jason Fields

irls' Glee practiced for their upcoming concert. Girl's Glee has performed at concerts such as the Fall Concert and at the Christmas Concert.



Photograph by Marcus Rahmeyer



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irls' Glee has accomplished a lot during this school year. During March they combined the Sacred concert and Pre-Contest Concert and in April they did the ISSMA Contest.



# Say



freshman Valerie Smeltzer

“Some of the music is fun.”



freshman Michelle Mihalik

# What?



Photograph by: Euphonia Brannan

As the symphonic orchestra plays, junior Mathew Hutchins plays the bass. This year they performed at the midtown graduation.

Each looking at one sheet of music are sophomore Melissa Misner and Danielle Kowalczyk. Class time was used for honing skills.

**Front Row:** Bryan Standerski, Corrine Miller, Karin Russell, Valerie Smeltzer, Kristina Manning, Kimberly Bailey, Dorothy Cantu, Alex Mulvihill.

**Second Row:** Ashlin Tibbetts, Stefan Hutchins, Angel Lemus, Erin Rooney, Candice Gardner, Bernadette Welsh, Michael Grochowski.

**Third Row:** Elizabeth Caldwell, William Ripple IV, Jesse Shelby, Margaret Hostettler, Mrs. Carlson.



## Symphonic Strings

Advisor: Mrs. Carlson

How Many? 22

Some of the Symphonic Stings accomplishments were Run out Concerts, and a Chamber Concert.

**First Row:** Mrs. Carlson, Dan Hatten, Justin Follow, Erin Furnish, Veronica Tilley, Sarah Canner, Jennifer Bellville, Sara Mak, Stephanie Anguiano, Mandy Nelson, Michelle Mihalik.

**Second Row:** Holly Granzow, Megan Mulherin, Tanya Gzibara, Jennifer Jern, Shauna Sterling, Sara Hammond, Heather Nelson, Glenn Cliver, Ashley Jandura, Jay Beckham Jr., Kara Brust, Stacy Monnier, Andrew Zeha.

**Third Row:** Tara Simmons, Melissa Deavers, Natalie Hardison, Lia Palmer, Irene Trapper, Dave Trafney, Jeremy Richmond, Ryan Shaw, Marie Boler, Tiffanee Alumbaugh, Julie Fancher, David Bracki.



## Concert Orchestra

Advisor: Mrs. Carlson

How Many? 40

This year the Concert Orchestra accomplished a Large Ensemble Contest, Concerts for the Middle Schools, and a Chamber Concert.





## Symphonic Orchestra

Conductor: Mrs. Carlson

### How Many? 36

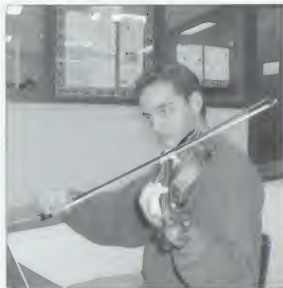
Some of the Symphonic Orchestra's accomplishments included performing for the midterm graduation, performing for their Christmas concert, performing at Solo and Ensemble, and participating in their Chamber Concert.

**Front Row:** Ashlee DeHaven, Mary Stinson, Kristin Siminski, Crystal Palmateer, Danielle Kowalczyk, Victoria Perez, Heather Piazza, Julie Peters, Elizabeth Enaco, Kari Tharp, Alison Mayfield, Mrs. Carlson.

**Front Row:** Erin Nolan, Breanna Beike, Sara Derringer, Amanda Jones, Belinda Meyers, Melissa Misner, Shauna Pelot, Jessica Berquist, Eileen Craighead, Thomas Erickson.

**Front Row:** Adam Higgins, Tressa Sabo, Christopher Kanich, Jennifer Mesich, Julie Green, Elizabeth Collins, James Kallimani, Jacob Wood, Catherine Marsh, Allison Mendez, Matt Hutchins.

In class junior James Kallimani plays his violin. An orchestra consists of a variety of different string instruments.



Photograph by: Melissa Ritz



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Photograph by: Melissa Ritz

As the bow moves back and forth Kathryn Parduhn practices playing her violin. This year symphonic band put in many extra hours.

He two playing music are juniors Amanda Polipovich and Kari Tharp. This year symphonic orchestra prepared for many contests.

In class, sophomore Lauren Niemcewicz does her part in the musical piece. Symphonic band held a concert this year to recruit sixth graders.



Photograph by: Stephanie Latta

## Concert Band

Mr. William Timmerman

### How Many? 70

What are you all about? The concert band has accomplished the Christmas concert, the fall concert, the spring concert, and also the music fundraiser. "I really like the concerts, because you can show your parents what you've learned so far," sophomore Jillynn Guth said. "If I make a mistake I just play through it, and try to do better." sophomore Robert Espinoza said. "I have a better appreciation for music because of band," freshman Afriyie Daniels said.



Photograph by: Stephanie Latta

In practice for a concert, sophomore Patrick Jordan attempts to get the tune right with his tuba. Each instrument plays a vital part in putting on a concert.

With each breathe, sophomore Cheryl Lightfoot follows each line of music. Concert band has played a wide variety of music this year.



Photograph by: Stephanie Latta

# Say



sophomore Cynthia Baker

"I like symphonicband because you can make a lot of friends and you can contribute to the band."

"I've learned how to work together as a group this year."



sophomore Adam Rodgers

# What?



Photograph by: Amber Holman

From song to song, senior Peggy Shelton and junior Meredith Breytogle manage to keep a good attitude through the time spent practicing. Symphonic band participated in both the Solo and Ensemble contest.



Photograph by: Amber Holman

Between songs, junior Megan Piddington shuffles through her folder to find an assignment. The performance of music also reflected on students' grades for symphonic band.



Photograph by: Amber Holman

While in class, junior Bethany Kane adjusts a metronome. During the year, symphonic band used many methods of keeping in rhythm.

## Symphonic Band

When the band met with Mr. Robert Symer

How Many? 58

This year the Symphonic Band accomplished a huge party at Celebration Station in Merrillville, having a recruitment concert for sixth graders, the annual Christmas concert, a mid-winter concert and the Solo and Ensemble contest. "I really like the variety of music that we play in band," senior Brian Zingo said. "This year we've been searching for ways to keep things interesting for ninety minutes everyday," Mr. Robert Symer said.



While in class, senior Samuel Mulvihill concentrates while learning a new piece. Samuel was in jazz band II this year.

In a spare moment, senior Derek Ferguson practices a series of bars. Derek plays bass in jazz band and for his own leisure.



Photography: Nicholas Fritz



*Front Row:* Marcus Gilbert, Erin Ables, Joseph Voyer III, Jason McKinney, Joseph Bloomfield III *Second Row:* Aaron Priest, Angel Chavez, Asa Roberts, Cameron Kelly-Johnson *Third Row:* Tammy Chadwick, Kenneth Cheney, Ethan Hitchcock, Paul Shinneman *Fourth Row:* Kevin Kosovich, Sally Dettlerline, Brian Zingo, Jeffrey Williams



## Jazz Band I

What is the best thing about jazz? Mr. Robert Symer  
How Many? 17

The jazz band had the Christmas concert, a pre-contest concert, contest, spring swing concert, festivals around the state and reads advanced literature "Even though waking up in the morning is hard, the experiences I had in jazz band were worth it," senior Brian Zingo said.

Say



senior Amy Nelson

"It gives me the opportunity to learn about jazz and to become a better player."

"My peers in jazz band make the experience worthwhile and enjoyable."



sophomore Erin Ables

What?

With a smile junior Kelly Kirk plays the drums. The jazz bands performed at four concerts throughout the year.



Photography: Kathleen Kearns



## Jazz Band II

Front Row: Samuel Malvihill, Amy Nelson, Joe Falk, Kelly Kirk  
Second Row: Carrie Coleman, Melissa Fritz, Deanna Zych, Amanda Hart  
Third Row: Gerald Fritz, Stephen Fejes, Kevin Nush, Michael Jurgensen  
Fourth Row: Frank Good, Marcus Rainwater, Charlie Mathewson, Daniel Fulkerson

Mr. Robert Symer

How Many? 16

The jazz band had four concerts, the Christmas concert, the pre-contest concert, contest and the spring swing concert. "I'm really proud of our students for their efforts in helping to make Portage High School jazz bands some of the finest in the state," said Mr. Symer.



Photography: Kathleen Kearns



Photography: Kathleen Kearns



In morning jazz band, junior Erik VanCleave plays the baritone saxophone. VanCleave has Jazz Band fifth Block before school.

While he practiced in the morning class before school, junior Jason Pomaes play the trumpet. Pomaes is also in jazz band II.

To prove practice makes perfect, sophomores Stephen Fejes and Kevin Nush play the trombone. Jazz band had on four concerts.



Photography: Stephanie K. Orlant

**P**ractice makes perfect, no one knows this better than Lab Band.

The band practiced five days a week for an hour and a half.

**A**s freshman Nicole Dearing plays her clarinet, she shows that band is not just playing the notes, but another important part is being able to follow the notes.

**M**embers of Lab Band get situated before class begins. Each day starts off with a warm-up, followed by lots of practice for their upcoming concerts.



Photography: Stephanie K. Orlant

**Mr. Webdell**  
How Many? 96

This year we have been able to perform some of the hardest music ever played by Lab Band. The difference between Lab Band and other bands is that Lab Band has mostly freshmen, and only a few upperclassmen.



Photography: Stephanie K. Orlant



# Say



freshman Michelle Mosca

“The one thing that I like about Lab Band is the people. They are all just really nice and it gives you a chance to make new friends.”



freshman Melanie Morales

“Lab Band is really fun and you learn a lot about music and that it's more than just playing an instrument.”

photographs by  
Stephanie Lofland  
Jennifer Vargas

# What?



Photograph by Stephanie Lofland

With a pull of her trombone freshman Caroline Benko-Meyer begins to practice her sheet music for their concert. They also have performed at the Christmas, the Fall and Mid-Winter Concerts.

Even Lab Band needs a break once in a while. The majority of their time is taken up by practicing for concerts they were going to perform.



Photograph by Stephanie Lofland



Photograph by Stephanie Lofland

There is more to percussion than just the drums. Sophomore Matthew Konopasek demonstrates his ability to play on the Xylophone.



Photograph by Stephanie Lofland

Every concert offers a unique show, but these shows do not come without practice. Freshman Jaime Nolan displays this while she practices playing her flute.

**A**t a boys basketball home game, freshmen Jamie Nolan, Jaqueline Chagova, and senior Kari Snoder look at their music while they played the flutes in Pep Band.



**W**hile the players hit trombone, euphonium, Pep Band member Ethan Ditchcock concentrates on his music. The Pep Band played during the Basketball games.



**D**uring the homecoming parade, Senior Peggy Shelton, Junior Sham'ah Carroll and seniors Sara Thatcher and Roshelle Doyle lead the marching band down Central Avenue. Shelton, Carroll, Thatcher, and Doyle were members of the Flag Corps.





*Lancer Joust*  
**Marching Band**

Mr. Troy Webdell  
**How Many? 115**

**Drum Majors:** Trisha Eastwood  
 Brandon Rainwater

**What are you all about?** Competed with other Marching Bands in Indiana, Illinois, and the nation.

**Front Row:** Moises Otero, Crista Luchene, Allison Mendez, Sebrina Leto, Brian Bowles, Joseph Voye, Ryan Henry, Vince Lusk, Craig Stafford, Chad Copeland, Matthew Konopasek, Gary Pilipovich, Jade Kinsey, Trisha Eastwood, Brandon Rainwater. **Second Row:** Shannon Sandlin, Vicenta Chigoya, Katherine Oslizlo, Brandy Hart, Tiffany Rigoni, Shelby Luna, Leah Selby, Jocelyn Crisp, Michelle Raupach, Melissa Deavers, Jennifer Belleville, Daniela Gazibara, Michelle McNamara, Jennifer Abbott, Alicia MacMillan, Kayla Rawdon, Sara Fizekas, Jessica Pomaes, Jennifer Jern, Kimberly Reese, Lorlei Shannon, Melanie Benz. **Third Row:** Danielle Cieulski, Josh McCluskey, Crystal Kniola, Michael Lukacovic, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Christopher Daniel, Sara Cieringer, Roxanne Kreig, Christina Sanchez, Meredith Breyfogle, Barbara Staton, Jamie Nolan, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Sabrina Rainwater, Timothy Cuttill, Joleen Wiattowski, Michelle Green, Angela Espinoza, Michelle Blank, Tracy Zaganas, Deborah Roberts, Lisa Lombardi, Christopher Durkin. **Fourth Row:** Kelly Pokorney, Amy Lesko, Neil Sly, Jennifer Hallmen, John Hrisofofs, Erik Avidson, Daniel Fulkerson, Christopher Opolski, Jeffrey Williams, Frank Good, Kevin Kosovich, Charlie Mathewson, Brian Zingo, Ashley Coombs, Jason Pomaes, Sarah MacMillan, Honey Paul, Robbie Haner, Michael Jurgensen, Kami Brown, Crystal Cavanaugh, Kelly Fulkerson, Matthew Mihalik. **Fifth Row:** Evelyn Otero, Nicole Abbott, Rebecca Upchurch, Anthony Kozik, Nathan Rubalcava, Carrie Coleman, Ethan Hitchcock, Sally Dettlerline, Marcus Rainwater, Melissa Fritz, Bryan Krieg, Stephen Fejes, Kevin Nush, Robert Espinoza, Charles Mitchell, Erin Fitzgerald, Brandie Koulock, Bryan Scheub, Paul Shinneman, Kenneth Cheney.



**O**n the way to the Homecoming parade, freshmen Kelly Fulkerson, Frank Good, Christopher Daniel, Barbara Staton, and Junior Jason Pomaes show their excitement about playing in the parade.

With a grin on his face, Senior Joseph Tarin checks whether his radio is working properly by telling sophomore Jill Nestler a joke. The JROTC members used radios while working security at sporting events.

Discipline and motivation are key elements in becoming a member of JROTC.

Freshman Adam Ferguson stands at attention with a drill rifle that was once used during the Vietnam War era.



One of the functions of the JROTC is to present the flag at sporting events.

Senior Philip Treece, juniors Richard Keever and James Rutledge, and sophomore Cynthia Baker hold formation during the national anthem.

Comradery and friendship are also parts of what JROTC is all about.

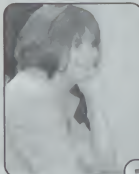
Freshman?? Christopher Puskac, ??Julie Damon, and ??Ryan Hytes relax together during lunch.





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Say



“Pow Wow takes a lot of hardwork and dedication. We're a team and without teamwork, the paper would never be what it is.”

“I've learned responsibility and working with others.”



sophomore Nicole Robinson

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Amber Holeman &  
Jennifer Kaiser

What?







Art by Art Club

*Front Row* Ruth Hall, Crystal Nunez, Amy Nelson, Regina Gudinas. *Second Row:* Allison Petta, Tara Curtis, Micheal Bornstein, Mrs. Wiese, Tony Curtis.



## Art Club

Mrs. Paula Wiese

How Many? 10

Advisor: Mrs. Wiese

president Micheal Bornstein  
vice president Tara Curtis  
secretary Amy Nelson  
treasurer Ruth Hall

What are you all about? The Art Club is for people to do projects outside the classroom. Mrs. Lindquist and Mrs. Kerns approached Mrs. Wiese about doing a mural in their area. The art club has designed a mural with careers as its theme.



Art by: Jason Johns



Art by: Chelsea Nystrom and Andrew Miller



Art by: Jennifer Doerflinger

Say



sophomore Crystal Nunez

“I love to paint and maybe someday we'll finish the mural.”



senior Amy Nelson

photographs by  
Jennifer Vargas

What?



Art by: John Callahan

Art Club

*Front Row:* Tricia Rogala.  
*Second Row:* Margarita Ramirez, Marisol Flores, Valerie Warner. *Third Row:* Justeen Schultz, Saralin Fuentes, April Campbell, Megan Van Auker. *Back Row:* Mr. Guzikowski, Randon Lingenfelter



## SADD Stop

Mr. Jim Guzikowski

How Many? 12

president Tricia Rogala  
 vice president Sebrina Leto

What are you all about? Did Homecoming parade, handed out pamphlets, Red ribbons, Blue ribbons, Day of the Dead, and post prom.

In the homecoming parade the SADD Stop members march down the street to advertise against drugs and alcohol. SADD/stop gave out information to help the student body learn of the dangers they may encounter.



The meeting is adjourned for SADD Stop and sophomores Ivan Colon, Scott Woloanski, freshman Catherine DeLeon, and junior Rusti Schnelle get ready to leave. SADD Stop participated in Day of the dead.

As they gather around the table, the key club members listen to what their future agenda is going to be. Key club members participated in many community projects.





*Front Row:* Miss May, Saralin Fuentes, Candace Crockett, Nicole Manna, Catherine DeLeon.

*Second Row:* Elisea Gonzalez, Emily Henke.

*Back Row:* Rusti Schnelle, Ivan Colon, Scott Wolozanski.

Miss Jennifer May  
How Many? 10

vice president Candace Crockett  
secretary Emily Henke  
treasurer Amanda Mckenzie

What are you all about? Did Christmas in April, Aliveness Project, collected food and money for food pantry, supported Peanut Day, UNICEF, helped Boy's and Girl's Club in Merrillville

# Say



junior Christine Paunicka

“I think the community has done a lot for the students, and it is time that we repay our community.”



junior Dennis Cimbaljevich

# What?

In the cafeteria sophomore Ivan Colon listens to the meeting. Key Club helped out the Boys and Girls club in Merrillville. They traveled all over in order to do their community services.



Before they begin the meeting senior Candace Crockett and junior Emily Henke organize their papers. Crockett and Henke were the vice president and secretary this year.

The group listens to their speaker during a Hosa meeting. The group would meet to discuss all of the activities that they were involved in.



Say



junior Kim McGinnis

"Hosa is a good after school activity because it let's you help out with the community while helping you achieve your future goals."

"I like the community activities like adopting the group home."



junior Kimberly Sisk

What?



Hosa

Back Row: Robyn Karner, Kimberly McGinnis, Nicole Bacco, Robin Karner, Jennifer Byroad  
Front Row: Robyn Karner, Kimberly McGinnis, Nicole Bacco, Robin Karner, Jennifer Byroad

How Many? 60

At a glance

president Robyn Karner  
vice president Jennifer Dixon  
secretary Kimberly McGinnis  
treasurer Patricia Butless/Chrystal Greenwell

What are you all about? Sold toothbrushes at lunch, doughnut sales, adopted a group home of special needs adult men and held Christmas parties and Easter egg hunts for them, also had a fall retreat to Tragafalger, and a spring retreat to French Lick, Indiana.



Conversing with a fellow HOSA member during one of the meetings is junior Stephanie Price. The group would meet to discuss activities.





## BPA

Advisor: Mrs. Lori Pavell

How Many? 22

Advisor:

president Denise Carpenter  
vice president Peggy Shelton  
secretary Kim Holland  
treasurer Mark Gillie

What are you all about? Compete with other students, National Contest (state), in which 2 Portage students competed.

Front Row: Amanda McKenzie,  
Peggy Shelton  
Back Row: Mrs. Lori Pavell,  
Kimberly Holland, Mark Gillie,  
Jaclyn Ruebensam

In the background  
syndicator David Cash  
stands in the background  
Cash was  
one of the members  
in BPA this year.



# Say



senior Kimberly Holland

“It has given  
me a bright  
outlook for the  
future. It is also  
very fun.”



junior Jackie Ruebensam

“It's a good  
learning  
experience in the  
business area,  
and it helps you  
to prepare for a  
future job in the  
business field.”

# What?



The Hosa group  
listens as senior  
Robyn Karner holds  
one of the many  
meetings. The group  
met many times  
during the year.

At the retreat junior Sean Reibly gives his trust to the circle by falling into their arms. This trip helps you to become a better listener.

Patently talking with others, junior Stephanie Price takes a break. At the Natural Helpers retreat some would sit and talk with each other.



While drawing on the wall, junior Matthew Mahns tries to think of a phrase that sums up the retreat. This is one of the many activities that help them become better listener and leaders.





Photograph by Stephanie Laflam



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**A**t the LRE Peer Tutor Banquet freshman Daniel Murphy sits next to senior Elizabeth Balash. Balash and Murphy benefited from the services of the peer tutors.

**A**t the LRE Peer Tutors banquet, senior James Thomas grabs for a piece of pizza. Before school, students decided to volunteer themselves to peer tutor.

**A**mongst his friends is freshman Randall Cavinder. This year Cavinder had a different peer tutor each block that helped him with all of his studies.

# Vocational Education

As he makes a few phone calls, Mr. Goldschmidt fulfills his responsibilities as the instructor of Diesel Mechanics. Being a vocational instructor is a big responsibility, since the students are relying on the teacher to help prepare them for a future career.



Say



junior Chris Burton

"I like the teacher, Mr. Goldschmidt. He's the best teacher in the world. I love the guy, he goes above and beyond his job, and he taught me so much about being a good mechanic."



senior Chad Bradford

What?

In class, Mark Fischer works with another teacher in completing work for printing class. Vocational Printing printed and distributed the student handbook, programs for plays, school and community events.





#### Like their Diesel

Mechanics class, juniors Kevin Gross and Brandon Cotton fix some truck parts. Many members of the vocational classes were also part of the Vocational Honor Society.

# Say

“For V.H.S. [We get to dress up one night and get recognized.]”



junior Robyn Karner

“We were selected by our instructor. You need a positive attitude, participation in HOSA, and a good G.P.A.”



junior Joseph Hulse

# ”What?

photographs by  
Stephanie Lofland



While working on a truck, senior Chad Bradford learns a valuable trade. Chad not only worked on the trucks at school, but also used his experience working part time for a local truck mechanic.

## Vocational Honor Society

Thomas Bulata  
James Bosstel  
Chris Burton  
Jennifer Byroad  
Denise Carpenter  
Misty Coleman  
Brandon Cotton  
Linette DeJesus  
Jennifer Dixon  
Kyen Dohner  
Renee Dutcher  
Albert Forgius  
Meredith Fozkos

Adam Gaines  
Kevin Gross  
Jeremy Hastings  
Joseph Hulse  
Emily Hunt  
Robyn Karner  
Katie Kaweck  
Kristopher Komenda  
Joseph Kornafel  
Kenneth Markos  
Sarah May  
Amanda McKenzie  
Gina Munoz

Mary Nolan  
Ricardo Nunez  
Amanda Pilipovich  
Stephanie Price  
Jennifer Schmitz  
Chad Shewmaker  
Kimberly Sisk  
Justin Tarpley  
Robert Wells  
Martinique Wilkins  
Timothy Wilson



With a smile sophomore Jennifer Mesich receives her award. Jennifer maintained an "A" average throughout three years of German.



Photograph by Terri A. Kozan

## Foreign Language Honor Society

Mrs. Huerta

How Many? 63

Foreign Language Honor Society is an honor society students are inducted into after taking a language class for three years and maintaining an A average throughout the three years.



New members stand to be inducted. Each member had to complete a certain number of hours of community service to remain in NHS.

From Mr. Schott and Mrs. Squire, senior Ricard Edvardsson receives a medal and a certificate. Inductees received a medal from their foreign language teacher.



Photograph by Terri A. Kozan

To be inducted into National Honor Society junior Rainer Alcantara signs the book. After signing the book, members received a pin.



Before she receives her certificate junior Shannon Sandlin shakes hands with Mr. Masty. Shannon was inducted into FLHS for the years of French she took.



# Say

"I am honored to be inducted into the FLHS."



sophomore Erin Ables

"It shows that you accomplished something in your foreign language."



sophomore Monica Bedroya

# What?



Photograph by: Jessica Gentry



## National Honor Society

Miss Duncan

### How Many? 16

president Cassandra Mateo  
vice president Sean Hannon  
secretary Bradley Green  
treasurer Jeffery Zeha

What are you all about? The National Honor Society sponsors dances, participated in Christmas in April, held food drives, sold Humanities, held meetings, did community service; each member had to perform a certain number of community service to stay in NHS. "It was fun and rewarding experience. It felt good to help other people," senior James Crowley said.

*Front Row:* Shannon Sandlin, Tiffany Hagen, Angela Murray, Tizza Kornafel, Amber Jacobson, Danielle Ciesielski, Gretchen Circle, Lisa Lombardi, Rainier Alcantara, Alexander Lo, Jennifer Andrews, Elizabeth Barista, Joseph Bloomfield III, Erica Lo, Julie Lochmondy, Tammy Chadwick, Eileen Craighead, Bert Cook, Douglas Lewandowski, Jennifer Rhodus, Christine Paunicka *Second Row:* Melissa Fritz, Danijela Gazibara, Diane Zenci, Michele Williams, Brandon Hughes, Steven Samuel, Carrie Javorka, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Milica Kosica, Michael Kramer, Charles Kuntz *Third Row:* Trisha Eastwood, Candice Williams, Deanna Zych, Piper Van Santen, Krista King, Heather Kilgore, Cheryl Guzikowski, Jaclyn Frechette, Ryan Fisher, Ashley Reynolds, Julie Racich, Amanda Bartok, Belinda Stepnowski, Sally Dettterline, Stefanie Ragon, George Burchuk *Fourth Row:* Cassandra Mateo, Jeanine Ibrahim, Cassandra Hendon, Heather Lucas, Suzanne Grunden, Brian Balta, Erin Austgen, Tara Potts, Renée Dutcher, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Denise Carpenter, Amy Nelson, Andrea Skafish, Tiffany Stewart *Fifth Row:* Margaret Simkin, Michael Wade, Matthew Welches, Jeffery Zeha, Julie Stevenson, Natalie Yudi, Rusti Schnelle, Kevin Stout, Erin Jedlikowski, Joseph Paunicka, Jon Harbaugh, Bradley Green, Sean Hannon, Ryan Mason, James Crowley, Candance Crockett, Melissa Smith, Kevin Wallskog

Inductees repeat the NFHS motto in their selected language. The NFHS motto is "One who knows two languages is worth two people."

# Say



junior Aaron Priest

“It’s a fun organization composed of fine people.”



senior Andrea Skatish

“Thespians is such a special group because it’s led by such a special man, Mr. Stevens. We promote theater and cultural awareness in this school.”

photographs by  
Stephanie Lofland

# What?

*Front Row:* Deanna Zych  
*Second Row:* Brandon Refet,  
Brian Zingo, Allan Hughes,  
Aaron Priest, Brandon  
Alexander  
*Back Row:* Andrea Skafish,  
Tiffany Stewart



## Thespians

Mr. Stevens

How Many? 12

Where? The

president Andrea Skafish  
Brian Zingo  
vice president Deanna Zych  
secretary Tiffany Stewart  
historian Aaron Priest

**What are you all about?** Their mission is to promote and strengthen the theater and arts programs. It seeks to increase the students' personal skills and knowledge of the theater. The thespians have sponsored and produced the fall play, spring musical, variety show, Outstanding Young Man Scholarship Program, as well as many others.



Thespian members Aaron Priest and Brian Zingo discuss their roles before the show. The performers had to rehearse their lines many times before taking the stage.

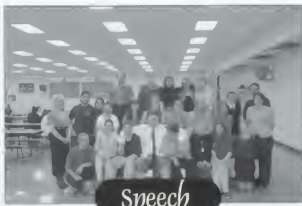
Preparing for the spring musical, *The Chorus Line*, thespian Aaron Priest applies a few touch ups. The performers would wear makeup to become more in character.





During practice, Dennis Cimbalovich rehearses a speech for the upcoming sectionals. Speech team members were required to attend practice at least twice a week before they were allowed to compete in meets.

Speech team members, including Dani Gazibara and senior Kevin Walkskog, take a break during competition. Students are given a short time for breaks in order to relax and compose themselves for their next performance.



## Speech

Back Row: Megan Donelli and Carrie Martin

How Many? 55

president Terms 1 and 2 Stephanie Sulcer  
Terms 3 and 4 Autumn Alderson  
vice president Dani Gazibara  
secretary Terms 1 and 2 Autumn Alderson  
Terms 3 and 4 Andy Reed  
historian Vince Hernandez

What are you all about? Sponsored a dance, doughnut sale, fundraiser, Halloween and Christmas parties, banquet, Three Little Indians TV show, hosted a tournament, attended 10 tournaments, 4 people qualified for state, this year is biggest membership.

Front Row: Clement Lanza, Kera Brust, TJ Thomas, Andrew Reid, Eric Rivera, Megan Van Auken, Lisa Lombardi, Stephanie Lofland  
Second Row: Assistant Coach Miss Carrie Martin, Vince Hernandez, Laurie Luna, Daniel Shattuck, Danielle Gazibara, Autumn Alderson, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Rhonda McQuery, Tiffany Sherwood, George Burchuk, Kevin Walkskog, Head Coach Miss Megan Donelli  
Third Row: Vance Carlin, Donald Wilson, Shree Walker, Sasia Rodriguez, Lydia Durr

# Say



freshman Jason Maldonado

“The thing I like most about speech is that you get to meet funny people.”

“What I like is the adrenaline you get from performing.”



junior Dennis Cimbaljevich

# What?

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After the curtain rises, seniors Robyn Dettlerline, Mandy Stanton and junior Aaron Priest deliver their performances. During this scene they discussed the events of the day before.



Photograph Mr. Moody



The director, Mr. Moody, helps Aaron Priest paint his hair white for his part in this year's production. Priest played Mr. Diagle in the fall play.

After the play, seniors Jason Fields, Kevin Wallskog, James Crowley and juniors Aaron Priest, Sean Reibly and Matthew Mahns celebrate a strong performance.



Photograph Melissa Fritz





**B**efore the show, senior Kevin Wallskog prepares to go on stage. This was Wallskog's first time performing on stage.

**B**ack stage, freshman Katie Lerch puts on her makeup. Katie played the lead, Rhoda Penmark in this year's play, "Bad Seed".



Photograph Melissa Fritz

**O**n stage senior Mandy Stanton and freshman Katie Lerch perform a scene from this year's play. Stanton played Mrs. Stanton.



Photograph Mr. Moody

**Evil child takes center stage as girl mesmerizes the audience. Cast gives an all out performance.**

This year's fall production, "Bad Seed," was definitely a success. All of the cast members' hard work and dedication were evident the moment the lights dimmed and the curtain opened to reveal the scene laid out behind it.

"Bad Seed" is the story of Rhoda Penmark, portrayed by freshman Katie Lerch, a seemingly perfect little darling. Toward all she is congenial and pleasant, but only to conceal her secret wickedness. Deep down, Rhoda is an evil and corrupt child who will resort to anything in order to get what she wants, even if it requires taking the life of another human being. After the past of Rhoda's grandmother is discovered, the question arises, "Are genetics

responsible for Rhoda's inability to love and lack of conscience?" Well, in the end, several lives are lost and many are destroyed.

Students became involved in the play for different reasons. "I thought it would bring some attention to me and my smoothness," said senior Kevin Wallskog. Other students wanted to be involved because of their love for acting. "I wanted to be in the play because I like entertaining people and I have previously been on stage at Portage High School," said senior Jason Fields.

Even though many of the cast members had optimistic and happy attitudes towards their performances, there were still a few

worries and doubts. Some were afraid of making mistakes. "Interpretation was difficult," Wallskog said.

When performance time came, the cast members overcame their fears. Some of the cast members had very positive feelings about their performances. "I think I did smooth. I think I made acting what it is today," Wallskog said.

Even though the play is over, the cast members still have their memories to cherish. Most memorable moments range from making new friends to giving the spectacular performances. "The cast party afterward is the most memorable," Fields said. "It felt like we were really close."



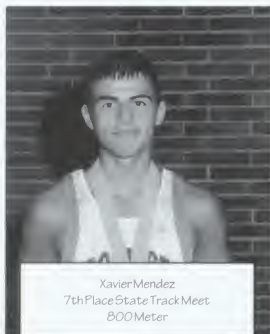
Tim Steckel and Ryan Mason  
All-State Doubles Team  
Fall 1998



Kristy Siminski  
5th Place State Swim Meet  
100 Meter Butterfly



Michael Taylor  
23rd Place State Meet  
Cross Country 1998



Xavier Mendez  
7th Place State Track Meet  
800 Meter



Brenna Sweeney, Kari Kopko, Jamie Wolfe, Kristy Siminski, and Kara Gibson  
3rd Place 1999 State Swim Meet  
200 Meter Medley Relay



Michael Schultz  
7th Place State Track and Field Meet  
Pole Vault



Jeff Geha  
7th Place State Track Meet  
3200 Meter

# PH All S Athl



Adam Moreno  
5th Place State Wrestling Meet  
103 Pound Weight Class



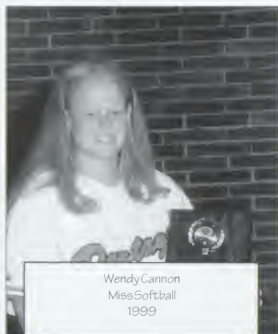
Karl Kopko  
4th Place State Swim Meet  
100 Meter Breaststroke



Dale Fancher  
All-State Offensive Line  
1998



Enrique Fontanez III, Steven Samuels, Michael Taylor, Joseph Bailey,  
Xavier Mendez, and Michael Halaschak  
2nd Place 800 Meter Relay at the State Track Meet

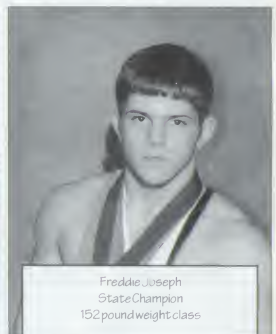


Wendy Cannon  
Miss Softball  
1999

# S tate etes



Michael Taylor  
2nd Place State Track Meet  
800 Meter



Freddie Joseph  
State Champion  
152 pound weight class

## Students dance with every step they take in the spring musical, "A Chorus Line"

Val is a girl who has had some work done. Connie still plays little girls even though she is no longer considered one. Kristine cannot keep on pitch. Judy is a little spacy.

This year's spring musical is centered around an audition where each character (some of them are mentioned above) during try-outs tells a little about his or her life and personality. The characters also tell about their careers and give the audience a chance to experience what it's like to try out for a Broadway musical.

Throughout the course of the musical, each character reveals

parts of their personalities that they had not originally intended to show.

The director, played by Mr. Bodner, wants to get to know each of the hopefuls as people, not just as perspective dancers. That is what ends up making the majority of the storyline, the life tales of each person auditioning.

Learning the dance numbers was a difficult part of the musical. "We started work in January to pull off an April show and the main cast was there everyday after school to learn choreography," sophomore Sara Crowley said.

Another difficult obstacle was trying to get the music

coordinated. "I think the hardest part was getting the people on stage and the people in the pit on the same beat and in the right spot," said sophomore Erin Wendt.

The musical required everyone involved to put in many hours after school. The cast had practices every day after school until five o'clock from January until April. "It's a pretty tiring experience," senior Brian Zingo said.

The musical also gave students the chance to show off their talent. "Being in the pit choir gave me a chance to use my talent in a theatrical show," said sophomore Kathryn Trathen.

Written Stephanie Lofland and Jennifer Mesich Designed Stephanie Lofland

The cast of the musical performs a dance routine in a dress rehearsal. This year's musical was "A Chorus Line."

Under the lights senior Jessica Wireman dances and sings. Jessica also performed in last year's musical.



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland

On stage juniors Cassandra Pendleton and Aaron Priest sing a duet. Both participated in last year's musical as well.



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Photograph Stephanie Lofland



Backstage senior Jessica Lach helps freshman Jessica Kirk with her makeup. Auditions for the musical were held in January.

Photograph Stephanie Lofland

While the rest of the cast is offstage sophomore Rodney Revels Jr. delivers his monologue.

After her monologue senior Andrea Skafish dances. Andrea played Cassie in the musical.



The Capitol Building was one of the stops the Publications Staff made in a few spare moments. Staff members received a tour of the house floor

While waiting for the subway to arrive, Senior Don McGee rests on the shoulders of Juniors Elizabeth Batista and Christina Barajas in the underground station.

Before walking through the rice fields, the statue platoon commemorates the American lives taken in the Korean War.



As she exits the White House, junior Elizabeth Batista waves to her mother. Elizabeth's mother went along as a trip chaperone





One of the new memorials that has been added celebrates the contributions of the African American soldier in the course of the many wars.



Parental chaperones Carmen Batista and Alicia Jackson pose in front of the entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery.

The crack of dawn was still a few hours away as juniors Christina Barajas and Elizabeth Batista wake up to get ready for the NSPA conference.

# Student Life

*Between classes and extra-curricular activities, students are always on the move. Here's what they have been doing:*

**W**hile in career explorations, students listen to a guest speaker. This year career explorations became a required class for freshman



**B**ackstage junior Neil Sly tests the sound system for the stage. Sly worked in the sound booth for the fall play and the spring musical.



**I**n art class sophomore Jeffrey Veach and senior David Soltys draw. Students taking art classes were required to complete every project.





To prepare for homecoming, seniors Rachel Fink, and Cheryl Guzikowski make posters. Homecoming is a time for students to show their school spirit.

While her classmates play walleyball, sophomore Sane Ibrahim does crunches. Physical fitness is an important part of Portage High School education.



Before school freshmen Saleana Santiago, Kristen Alvarado, and Samantha Carr finish their homework. Time before school was used many times as a last resort to complete work.

To display one mode of land transportation sophomore Stephen Fejes creates a poster. This was one project the students in transportation systems were required to do.

# Dance Fever

After working hard in classes, students are given the opportunity to socialize, relax and dance.

Hand in hand, junior David Niloff and sophomore Heather Elkins laugh as they slow dance. Students gathered in the gym for this dance after homecoming.



The DJ changes the music and takes requests of students.

Entertainment Express provided the music for the dances.



At a dance seniors Michelle Lucas and Jessica Wireman show off their dance moves.

Many students danced in a circle and took turns displaying their moves.





After a football game, juniors Alexander Lo and Rainier Alcantara break dance. Break dancing still draws a crowd.

Students raise the roof at a Portage high school dance. Dances were held after sporting events and on special occasions.



Students talk in groups as they dance. High school dances gave students a chance to socialize.

In her free time senior Melissa Fritz looks through the phone book for places to sell ads. Each person in Legend had to sell at least 200 dollars in ads.



Photograph by: Jennifer Ramirez

*Front Row:* Kimberly McGee, Jennifer Kaiser. *Second Row:* Ruth Hall, Christina Barajas, Elizabeth Batista, Angela Magana, Jamie Wolfe, Alyson Merkner, Stacie Culp. *Third Row:* Regina Gudinas, Marcus Rainwater, Stephanie Lofland, Jennifer Mesich, Connie Behling, Elizabeth Enrico, Melissa Fritz. *Back Row:* Latitia Gray, Heather Buhning, Katherine Garris, Jennifer Vargas, Mr. Mark J. Karmel.



## Legend

Of Photo Editor: Mr. Mark J. Karmel

How Many? 23

What's in it for me?

Editor Elizabeth Batista and

Christina Barajas

Photo Editor Katherine Garris

What are you all about? The 1998-1999 legend (yearbook) staff created the yearbook for 1999. "People think yearbook is a really strict class, but it really is a class with any barriers. Everyone in it has so much fun because we all just goof around, except on deadline days," said sophomore Tiffany Ramirez.



Photograph by: Jennifer Ramirez

Where that paper is, Stacie Culp will never know. The boxes are there for organization, but throughout the year the room would lose its perfection.

While others finish their spreads, junior Elizabeth Batista and sophomore Stephanie Lofland rummage through old photographs.





Photograph by: Jennifer Vargas

Our photo editor Katherine Garris helps out the designers and looks for pictures to use in the upcoming yearbook. The photographers are not only responsible for taking the pictures, but they also have to develop and organize them.

With a laid back atmosphere advertisement editors junior Alyson Merkner and sophomore Ruth Hall work hard on the ad's section.

When they take a break sophomores Connie Behling, Jennifer Mesich, Stephanie Loftland, and Elizabeth Enrico talk about their plans for the weekend. Sometimes the Legend staff would have to come in during the weekends if their deadline was not finished.



Photograph by: Jennifer Vargas



Photograph by: Jennifer Vargas

Say

“Yearbook is a good learning experience. It teaches teamwork and responsibility. People don't understand how much hard work and time we put into it.”



junior Jennifer Kaiser



junior Kimberly McGee

“People just don't see how much hard work goes into the yearbook. It really is a learning experience though, I guess you get out of it what you put into it.”

photographs by Jennifer Vargas

What?



Photograph by: Katherine Garris



Photograph by: Amelia Mayhew

Spreads take a lot of persistence and no one knows this more than Kimberly McGee. She is being helped by junior Alyson Merkner.

In Albuquerque juniors Elizabeth Batista and Jennifer Kaiser walk to Taco Bell. A few members of Legend were chosen to go on this trip to learn new techniques to better the yearbook.

**A**ssistant editor, Megan McLeod works diligently on her assignments, as well as helping others edit their spreads.

*Front Row:* Mr. Mark J. Karmel  
*Back Row:* Conor Smith, Tracy McNeiley, Rusti Schnelle, Sarah Watson.



*Editor:* The Students' Mr. Mark J. Karmel  
*How Many?* 4

*Editor:* Tracy McNeiley  
page designer Conor Smith  
reporters Sarah Watson  
Rusti Schnelle

**What are you all about?** News Bureau produces the high schools web page and work on the principals' newsletter and create press releases for the media.

**E**ditor-in-chief, Christopher Mihal advises others how their stories and layouts should look for the newspaper.

Mihal has spent many hours after school working on the Pow Wow and even comes in on the weekends.





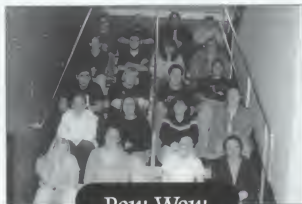
**P**ow Wow did more than just work. In Depth Editor Nicole Robinson dances around the room while drumming on a coffee can to Frank Sinatra. Pow Wow members could turn any late night work session into an entertaining and fun experience for all.

Photograph by Jennifer Kaiser



Photograph by Christopher Barajas

**K**icking back in Washington DC, reporter Donald Magee takes a break to enjoy the weekend. Pow Wow, along with other publications, took several trips a year to learn more about newspaper design in work shops.



## Pow Wow

Mr. Mark J. Karmel

How Many? 16

What's new?

Editor terms 1 and 2 Mellisa Hansel terms 3 and 4 Christopher Mihal

Assistant editor Megan McLeod

Photograph editor Amber Holeman

What are you all about? produced the school newspaper, Pow Wow, every other week.

"Since coming to Pow Wow, I've become a more responsible person with school work and the rest of the outside world," said editor Chris Mihal.

"Pow Wow allows us to have a creative outlet where we can express ourselves," said Hunter McKee

*Front Row:* Nancy Green, Amber Holeman, Stephanie Shepherd, Fawnda Burlingame.

*Second Row:* Donald Magee, Jennifer Jern, Nicole Robinson, Sarah Watson.

*Third Row:* Vincent Hernandez, Tiffany Castagna, Hunter McKee, Christina Price.

*Fourth Row:* Angela Lazar, Christopher Mihal, Megan McLeod, Dawn Zimmerman.

*Last Row:* Christopher Stidham, Mr. Mark J. Karmel, David Gilbert, Anthony Holeman.

# Say



junior Megan McLeod

"I've learned responsibility and working with others."

"Pow Wow takes a lot of hardwork and dedication. We're a team and without teamwork, the paper would never be what it is."



sophomore Nicole Robinson

photographs by  
Amber Holeman &  
Jennifer Kaiser

# What?



Front Row: Justeen Schultz, Amanda Potts, Nathan Peek, Vincent Hernandez.

Middle Row: Johnny Azcona, Meredith Fozkos, Krista King, Diana Haniack, Amber Holeman, Donald Magee, Stephanie Sulcer, Conor Smith, Fawnda Burlingame.

Back Row: Mrs. Mary Lute-Brown, Kevin Nush, Chad York, Letitia Gray, Danielle Little, Melissa Evanatz, Megan Piddington, Lisa Lombardi, Cassandra Hendon.



## Saga

What's the deal with the deal? Mrs. Lute-Brown  
How Many? 24

editors Letitia Gray  
Donald Magee  
Katherine Garriss  
Amber Holeman

What are you all about? Choose to be on one of five committees: typing, art, publicity, layout, or proofreading. To advertise, sell, and publish a 100-page book of poems, art, and stories written by the students.

"Saga was an interesting thing. We had more control over the format of the magazine this year, and dramatically changed it's appearance," senior Conor Smith

# Say



junior Diana Haniack

"Being in Quill and Scroll gave me a chance to help out in the school and in the community; something everyone else should try to do."

photographs by  
Amber Holeman



junior Katherine Garriss

# What?



Photograph by: Amber Holeman

At a Saga fundraiser seniors Johnny Azcona and Krista King collect the ticket stubs from a raffle.

YMCA passes were given out as the raffle prize, and funds were used to produce the annual Saga.

Senior Brandy Ebling looks at old Saga's to make sure that the same mistakes are not made again this year. Ideas and work were submitted by students and published in the Saga magazine yearly.



Photograph by: Amber Holeman



While at a Quill and Scroll meeting senior Tracy McNeily and junior Jamie Wolfe, tentatively watch the president conduct the meeting. Meetings were held bi-weekly to discuss ways to help the community and to plan the annual banquet.

Photograph by: Amber Hesterman



Photograph by: Katherine Garris

Drenched Quill and Scroll members wrap up the car wash that was held at Alesworth. The water is turned off, the buckets put away, and wet people return home.



## Quill & Scroll

Who are you all about? Mr. Mark J. Karmel  
How Many? 12

What are you all about? Quill and Scroll is a group of journalist students that gather together to help the community. They've held a bake sale, car wash, reading to children at the library, Christmas in April to rebuild houses, and sold raffle tickets to help Karen Mills.

president Megan McLeod  
vice president Elizabeth Batista  
treasurer Christopher Mihal  
events coordinator Tracy McNeily

Front Row: Jamie Wolfe, Elizabeth Batista, Amanda Walworth, Katherine Garris.  
Second Row: Amber Hesterman, Tracy McNeily, Megan McLeod, Jennifer Kaiser, Christina Barajas, Mr. Mark J. Karmel  
Third Row: Christopher Mihal



Photograph by: Katherine Garris

At the Quill and Scroll car wash fundraiser, Senior Christopher Mihal douses sponsor Mr. Mark J. Karmel with a bucket of cold soapy water.

During nursing home bingo, senior Amanda Bartok and junior Aaron Priest read off numbers. Nursing home bingo has been a yearly tradition for the student council.



Front Row: Ms. Luetzo, Amanda Bartok, Rachel Fink, Erin Austgen, Ryan Mason, Mr. Hancock. Second Row: Erica Lo, Danielle Marquez, Jeannette Sanchez, Breanna Beike, Angela Magaña, JKennifer Belleville, Sadia Javed, Cheryl Lightfoot, Crystal Nunez. Third Row: Krystal Morgan, Amy Barwig, Emily Henke, Tammy Chadwick, Cheryl Guzikowski, Jennifer Rhodus, Lisa McNeiley, Karen Belsha, Douglas Tones, Tiffany Ramirez, Monica Tatela. Fourth Row: Natalie Hardison, Harold Morgan Jr., Matthew Scheuer, Elizabeth Collins, Michael Jurgensen, Jeffrey Jones, Michael Ziulkowski II, Daniel Tones, Ashley Reynolds, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Annette Bartok, Alexander Lo. Fifth Row: Marc Samardzja, Bradley Green, Brad Hullsiek, Kevin Walklog, Joseph Bloomfield III, Aaron Priest, James Alexander, Lauren Niemcewicz, Charles Kuntz, Jon Harbaugh, Richard Mayerik, Jessica Wireman, Laura Burch, Melissa Deavers

Photograph by: Stephanie Lohland



## Student Council

How Many? 60

Mr. Hancock

president Ryan Mason  
vice president Rachel Fink  
secretary Amanda Bartok  
treasurer Erin Austgen

What are you all about? Community service activities, Salvation Army work, Secret pal, Christmas dance, food drive, winter coat drive, fall homecoming, Christmas in April, Rely fundraiser, elections, senior buddies, National leadership conference, mini leadership, display cases, nursing home bingo, leadership camps, Honor Council for 13th year



Photograph by: Stephanie Lohland

At a student court meeting senior Cassandra Mateo dresses a doll. One of the many things that student court is responsible for is the checking of motions.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lohland

After the meeting, senior Ryan Mason and sophomore Ashley Szybala take a minute to talk about future plans for student council. Mason was the president of student council.



After a meeting seniors Amanda Bartok and Cheryl Guzikowski and freshman Michael Supp converse about the elections.

Before the meeting begins the officers prepare. Student council meetings were every Friday after school.



Photograph by: Stephanie L. Sanford

The actors from Halloween Safety pose after performing. The group went to the elementary schools to demonstrate how to be safe while out Trick or Treating.



Photograph by: Stephanie L. Sanford

Photograph by: Stephanie L. Sanford

# Say

“It lets you meet new people and get involved in the school.”



sophomore Breanna Beiske

“It keeps you on task.”



freshman Elizabeth Collins

# What?

photographs by  
Marcus Rainwater



Front Row: Andrea Skafish, Cassandra Mateo Second Row: Mr. Douglas, Genise Britton

What is the Student Court? Mr. Douglas  
How Many? 9

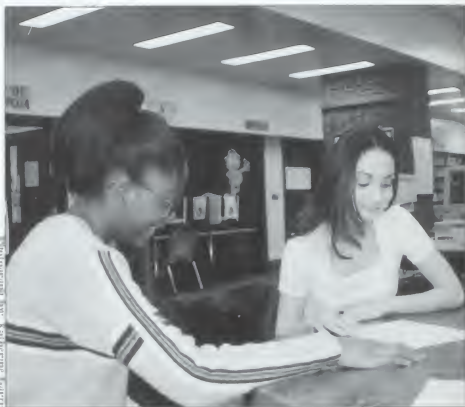
What are the officers?  
chief justice Andrea Skafish  
senior parliamentarian Bradley Green  
junior parliamentarian Neil Sly  
associate justice Cassandra Mateo  
associate justice Jon Harbaugh  
associate justice Genise Britton  
associate justice Vance Carlin

What are you all about? The student court interprets the constitution of the student council. All motions of the student council are checked by the student court. The court acts as a legislative guide for the student council also.



As they gather in a circle Mrs. Sue Squire listens as the german club shares some experiences they have encountered during the years. Squire was the sponsor for the german club.

In the media center sophomore Danielle Marquez and freshman Stephanie Dudley look over a paper for multicultural club. They also sold suckers as a fundraiser to gain money this year.



Photograph by: Katherine Garri

Front Row: Stephanie Dudley, Tiffany Ramirez, Crystal Nunez, Monica Tatela

Back Row: Jennifer Vargas, Sadia Javed, Lauren Dimitri, Mrs. Michelle Vuko, Sarah Egendorf, Angela Magana, Victoria Perez



## Multicultural Club

Mrs. Vuko

How Many? 12

Had many fund raisers, produced videos for Black History Month, reconized Women's History month, met together many times during the year, went to Indianapolis for a field trip. "Multicultural club is a great experience. I suggest that every high school student join this club to broaden their horizons on different cultures. You learn to respect and understand people more." sophomore Monica Tatela.



Photograph by: Katherine Garri

A student explains what life is like in her hometown. Students enjoyed spending time with the german





Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

At a Multicultural meeting, sophomore Tiffany Ramirez and Jennifer Vargas write possible women to discuss in the Women's History Month Video.

The german club gathers around and holds their meeting outside to discuss their agenda. This year the german club built the winning homecoming float.



Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

# Say



senior Michelle Vaughn

“I like this particular club because it's fun interacting with people of a different culture.”



sophomore Monica Tatela

“Multicultural club is a great experience. I suggest that every high school student join. You learn to respect and understand people more.”

# What?

photographs by  
Jennifer Vargas



## German Club

President Nicole Bellamy  
vice president Charesa Jonkmann  
secretary Kimberly McWaters  
treasurer Joshua Wright  
historian Jolene Wiatrowski  
planner Rusti Schnelle

How Many? 12

What are you all about? built winning homecoming float, October picnic, Christmas party, German exchange student party

Front Row: Mr. David Masty.  
 Second Row: Lindsay Easton,  
 Tiffany Stewart, Andrea  
 Skafish, Tara Potts, Melissa  
 Fritz, Jaclyn Frechette, Jessica  
 Sandor, Michael Liesch.  
 Third Row Valeree  
 Nestorovich, Michelle Vaught,  
 Joseph Rodarte, Sean Hannon.  
 Back Row: Brian Balta,  
 Christine Paunicka, Ryan  
 Fisher, Ryan Mason, Bradley  
 Green.



Mr. David Masty  
 How Many? 25

presidents Ryan Mason  
 Bradley Green  
 Erin Austgen  
 Cassandra Mateo  
 Julie Racich  
 Alexander Lo  
 Michael Liesch

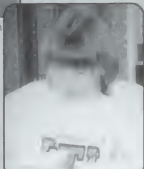
What are you all about? chinese games, videos, Mahjongg  
 tournament, fund-raisers with French club

Say



Madam Sue McPherson

"[I enjoy  
 French because  
 I like] learning  
 about different  
 people and their  
 ways of life."



sophomore Michelle Mihalik

What?

photographs by  
 Letitia Gray



French workbooks  
 were sold at the  
 bookstore and used  
 in place of  
 worksheets.  
 Workbooks were  
 used in combination  
 with textbooks in  
 foreign language  
 classes and well as  
 life skills classes.

Chinese Chess is  
 just one of the many  
 games that the  
 Chinese Club  
 members participate  
 in. Club members  
 Brad Green, Brian  
 Balta, Ryan Mason,  
 Sean Hannon and  
 Michael Liesch play  
 in a tournament at a  
 club meeting.



# Say



sophomore Karla Villacin

“[In Spanish Club] You get to do stuff as a group like go to Great America and Christmas in April.”



senior April Campbell

“We do a lot of activities that community oriented. It makes me feel good that we do stuff to help out the community.”

# What?



Photograph by: Justin Ervin

senior April Campbell conducts a meeting after school for the Spanish Club she stands behind the podium. Spanish Club was held to enhance the members knowledge.



## French Club

Junior Amber Durfee gets advice from Madam Sue McPherson on her French work. This was Durfee's 3rd year of French. Students can take as many as five years of French class.

Mr. David Mastly  
How Many? everyone taking French

Officers: Kari Tharp  
Christopher Opolski  
Cameron Kelly-Johnson  
Renee Dutcher  
Daniel Fulkerson

What are you all about? fund-raisers, 2 Mille Bornes tournaments (French card game), Christmas decorating party, sponsors award pins for French students



## Spanish Club

Front Row: Brandy Ebling, Shaina Fink, Erin Fitzgerald.  
Back Row: Ms. Veronica Garcia-Tabon, April Campbell, Rhonda McQueary, Karla Villacin, Matthew Mihalik.

Mrs. Brighette Snemis  
How Many? 14

president April Campbell  
vice president Karla Villacin  
secretary Kelly Armour  
Rhonda McQueary

What are you all about? fund-raisers, Christmas in April, collect Easter bunnies.

*All*

# **Efforts**

*Considered*

*Effort is what makes a team a team. Along with*  
**Support is another major factor that makes a**  
*effort comes practice, games, and dedication.*  
**team. Senior Angela Murray receives a hug after**  
*Junior Matthew Westerkamp takes a moment to*  
**her game from another teammate. At the**  
*tie his shoe. A fellow teammate junior Rainier*  
**sidelines showing the team their support are**  
*Alcantara perfects his soccer techniques in practice.*  
**junior Brian Camp and sophomore Kevin Jones.**



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With athletes running back and forth competing to make a point, it is likely for injuries to happen.

Everyday after school, athletic trainers report to

# Healers and

the athletic trainer's room to help heal the injured players who

needed help. When players were down, athletic trainers were always helpful. Player's injuries were sometimes a set back. Athletic trainers helped heal anything from the twisted ankle to a strained leg.

During football season, more injuries occurred. "I like football season best.

There was always a lot to do," senior Dawn Butterfield said. Athletic trainers also prepare for their future. "It's something I'd like to pursue after high school," junior Eileen Craighead said.

Athletic trainers help athletes bring their game back to the field.

# helpers

athletic trainers  
rush to the rescue



athletic



SAVING

**Front Row** - Megan Hagerty, Heather Jacques, Dawn Butterfield **Back Row** - Sally Walton, Robert Wells, Michelle Vottero



As he takes a break, senior Dale Fancher grabs one of the water bottles provided by the Athletic trainers. Athletic trainers would help to treat sports injuries that happened during any of the games.



As they carry some jugs of water to a game, seniors Robert Wells and Heather Jacques work together to get the job done. Athletic trainers provided refreshments and other needs for the games.

To keep everything organized and running smoothly, senior Sally Walton gives a few orders. It took a lot of cooperation between all of the Athletic trainers to keep everything going smoothly.



To get in shape, Heather Jacques does some kickboxing moves. Training is one of the most important steps for athletes, and trainers took part in keeping in shape too.

Sometimes communication is the key when it comes to Athletic trainers and coaches. Here Mr. Dan Merrill and senior Sally Walton take a minute to discuss a few issues.

During a varsity game,  
sophomore Kristin Selund  
attempts to score  
against Merrillville.

Varsity



Soccer



**Front Row** - Angela Murray, Michelle Lute, Kimberly Ogden, Jennifer LeHocky, Jacquelyn Devries, Kristin Selund, Dawn Piazza. **Back Row** - Coach Jeanne Miotke, Lauren Sandor, Carolyn Slankowski, Rachel Torres, Heather Lucas, Ryan Dobner, Melissa Smith, Manager Irene Trapper.

Junior Varsity



Soccer



**Front Row** - JoAnn Matthew, Ashley Szybala, Julia Trachtenberg, Lyndsay Ponda, Frances Gibson, Courtney Goetz, Julie Knight, Stephanie Balunda, Heather Nelson, Jessica Potts. **Back Row** - Coach Jeanne Miotke, Jaimi Dudzik, Angela Banzen, Brooke Wozniak, Jessica Cliver, Cassandra Ogden, Christine Keaton, Janna Brown, Rachael Reed, Amanda Austin, Manager Irene Trapper.

### Us vs. Them

3	Crown Point	6	0	Homestead	2
2	Monster	4	1	S.B. Adams	7
4	Hobart	1	2	Chatterton	1
4	Highland	2	2	SB St. Joe	6
1	Lake Central	8	0	Valpo	4
8	Michigan City	0	2	Griffith	2
5	La Porte	2	4	Merrillville	2
0	Anderson	5	0	Sectional	2

**Varsity  
Season Record  
6 - 9 - 1**

Jogging around the track  
at Willowcreek Middle  
School were sophomores  
Lauren Sandor and Brooke  
Wozniak. Wozniak and  
Sandor are both on varsity  
this year.



After some hard plays, the junior varsity team walks off the field concluding the first half. The score at the end of the game was 1 to 0.

At the junior varsity game freshman Julia Trachtenberg and senior Kimberly Ogden gaze at their team as they play Merrillville.



After playing a quarter in the varsity game, senior Ryen Dohner takes a few minutes to cool down.

## Moments

*A memory that sticks out the most in my mind is after our victories the team as a whole sang songs on the bus.*

**Sophomore Ashley Szchuda**

*A memory that sticks out the most is the Chesterton game. We kicked butt. We played awesome and ruled the field.*

**Freshman Stephanie Balanda**

*We have an obvious leader of the team, Carly Smith.*

**Sophomore Carolyn Slankowski**

P D B A P





For a warmup before the game, junior Bryan Warfield tries to receive the ball from junior Alex Torres. Both Torres and Warfield were on the varsity team this year.

Before the Chesterton soccer game, senior Marcus Gilbert blocks the ball from getting in the goal. Gilbert was a goalie for the boy's varsity soccer team last year.



The varsity team prepares for the game by huddling and placing their hands in the middle of the circle to show their team spirit. The team did this every game to become more unified.



Soccer

**Front Row** - Marcus Gilbert, Michael Benson, Ricardo Viera, John Yaksic, Jacob Wood, Matthew Whitver, Patrick McGlothlen, Daniel Rodriguez, Michael Liesb, Matthew Hutchins. **Back Row** - David Simonsohn, Matthew Andryuk, Julian Chang, Xavier Mendez, Daniel Tomas, Mark Korba, Matthew Westercamp, Rainier Alcantara, Bryan Warfield.



Soccer

**Front Row** - Justin Wood, Ryan Campbell, Philip Guerrr, Brooks Gordon, Michael Zilulkowski, Douglas Tomas, Daniel Reisen, Henry Kopanski, James Kalman, Justin Follow. **Back Row** - Robert Bundy, Andrew Bennett, Brian Ball, John Fornari, Gary Reed, Jacob Parker, Scott Knutsen, Michael Pickart, Steven Cimbaljevich, Jeff Metz.





At a junior varsity game sophomore Gary Reed kicks the ball to the opposing goal to help win the game. This season the junior varsity ended the season with a score of 10-0-3.

The soccer team shows dedication as they stand for the National Anthem at Trumble Field before the varsity game. Before every game they would show spirit.



With a look of surprise, sophomore Scott Knutsen places his clothes in his bag after a junior varsity game. Knutsen was also in football, basketball, and track.

Before a varsity game Junior, Xavier Mendez, attempts to juggle the ball. Mendez was also a varsity football kicker.

## Moments

"My most memorable moment was when we played South Bend St. Joe, my sophomore year. I scored a goal to get us in the lead 2-1. We ended up tying 2-2 on a late goal."

- Junior Xavier Mendez -

"My most memorable moment this year was at the Lake Central game because we worked together as an entire team, which sometimes can be tough."

.. - Junior Rainier Alcantara -

"My most memorable moment was at a game last year when Tony Cimbaljevich had to go to the hospital for a head injury, my junior year. We kicked some butt after that."

- Senior Michael Benson -

P D N B J O W

## Us vs. Them

10	Crown Point	2	2	Munster	2
2	Lake Central	2	1	Griffith	3
8	Hobart	2	3	Chickston	0
8	Hammond	0	3	Culver	1
10	Michigan City	1	2	Andean	1
2	St. Joe	1	0	Valparaiso	5
2	La Porte	1	5	Merrillville	2

**Varsity  
Season Record  
10 - 2 - 2**

## Us vs. Them

2	Crown Point	1	2	Munster	0
4	Lake Central	3	2	Griffith	1
6	Hobart	1	4	Chickston	1
8	Hammond	1	2	Andean	3
1	Michigan City	0	2	Valparaiso	1
1	St. Joe	2	1	Merrillville	1
2	La Porte	0	2		

**Junior Varsity  
Season Record  
10 - 0 - 3**

The varsity volleyball team gathers together to celebrate the victorious effort the team made. The varsity volleyball team finished with a 4-13-0 record.

## Moments

*"The most memorable moments was our practices at the beach. It was so funny, Gretchen Circle pulled on Ms. Dixon's bathing suit and it broke!!! Everyone ended up burnt. We couldn't tell until we got home because we were all conditioning in the freezing lake."*

*—Sophomore Lauren Hansen—*

*"During the season I was lucky if I got one day a week off. It was all worth it though."*

*—Senior Natalie Kirincic—*

*"At senior night, some of the seniors left the future players things. They would leave little inside jokes for us. They left me pizza and hamburgers."*

*—Sophomore Lauren Benson—*

With a look of determination on her face, senior Gretchen Circle prepares for the serve in the Lake Central volleyball game.



## BE A FAN NOT A FANATIC

In the middle of her serve, sophomore Lauren Hansen concentrates on the volleyball. Hansen was one of the few sophomores chosen to be on the varsity team this year.

The pressure builds as senior Jennifer Fekete waits for sophomore Lauren Hansen at the Portage vs. Lake Central match. Portage was defeated 0-2.



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volleyball

**Front Row** - Joanna Benson. **Second Row** - Rebecca Hall, Lauren Hansen, Jamie Lewis, Kelly Bubman, Jennifer Fekete. **Third Row** - Corrine Munoz, Tara Potts, Kristen King, Gretchen Circle. **Back Row** - Coach Chris Dixon, Jennifer Novonty, Lauren Benson, Natalie Kirincic.

### Us vs. Them

2	Washington Twp.	1	2	Washington	2
0	Wheeler	2	0	Highland	2
0	Marquette	2	0	Coxon Point	2
1	Lawell	2	0	Kankakee V.	2
2	West Side	0	0	Chertonton	2
1	Hobart	2	0	Plymouth	2
2	South Central	0	1	Tippencanoe V	2
0	La Porte	2	2	Penn. Tournay	2 in 2
0	Lake Central	2	2	Gavitt	1

### Varsity Season Record 4-13-0

While on defense, senior Kristen King awaits for the ball to be served. While waiting, King reads the other teams server.



While playing in a freshman game, Jaclynn Chagoya goes to block a spike from Lake Central. This was one of many plans that the freshman team did in order to defeat other teams.

—Joe Rich

# \* Us vs. Them \*

2	Washington T.	0
2	Wheeler	0
0	Marquette	2
1	Lowell	0
2	West Side	0
2	South Central	0
0	Lake Central	2
0	Andean	2
0	Highland	1
0	Crown Point	2
1	Kankakee V.	2
1	Chesterton	2
2	Gavitt	0

**Junior Varsity  
Season Record  
(6-14)**



In a junior varsity game, sophomores Jamie Sutton and Colleen Stanish both attempt to successfully block a spiked ball from the Junior Varsity Lake Central team.

Showing their spirit the team cheers on sophomore Jamie Sutton as she comes onto the floor. Sutton was on the junior varsity squad her freshman year also.

## Volleyball



**Front Row** - Belinda Meyers, Jamie Sutton, Denisa Hobgood, Holly Paniaguas, Cassandra Dixon, Colleen Stanish. **Back Row** - Lindsey Benninger, Melissa Misner, Caitlin Groves, Ashley Safstrom.

## Volleyball



**Front Row** - Margaret Hostetter, Melissa Ruben, Sarab Wilkum, Kara Gibson, Erin Rooney, Tanja Gazibara, Mary Stinson. **Back Row** - Nicole Rains, Nicole Flannery, Tanya Royal, Esther Tugurian, Jaclynn Chagoya, Michelle Green, Meagan Rappatta, Jeanette Piehl. **Coach** Joe Rich, Lia Palmer, Heather Nelson.



Junior Varsity

Freshmen





The junior varsity team congratulates each other after making a successful play. The junior varsity did this to boost their confidence in each of their matches.



## Moments

*"My best memory in volleyball would have to be the bus rides home. We had this whole rollercoaster simulation going on."*

**Sophomore Ashley Salstrom**

*"The most fun we had this year was when we took bars of soap and wrote all over the coaches car."*

**Freshman Mary Stinson**

*"The most fun time I had was at the Penn tournament at the restaurant when we went to eat."*

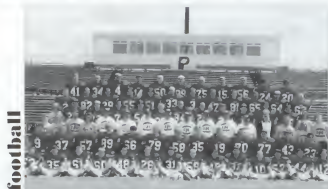
**Freshman Michelle Green**

P D B A P

The junior varsity team gets a break before their game. The team gets together before each game to discuss their game plan.



At the home scoring pep rally some of the senior varsity football players tear up the roof



football

GLISAD2

**F**ront Row - Albert McCorkle, Anthony Pete, Jason Shewmaker, Grant Crizer, Joshua Harman, Bruce Campbell, Fred Joseph, Michael Brown, Gabriel Lopez, Thomas Pappas, Kevin Jones, Matthew Cates, Robert Tugurian, Paul Baum. **S** - Scott Knutsen, Nicholas Christian, Thomas Bialata, Matthew Erickson, Jonathan Caldwell, Robert Miller, Eric Brown, Benjamin Kirish, Marc Samardzija, Bryon Riley, Jeffery Evans, Angelo Papachronis, David Fadely. **T** - Manager Seth Britton, Manager Davon Butterfield, Manager Robert Wells, Manager Michelle Vottero, Coach Mattix, Coach O'shea, Coach Mattix, Coach Milner, Coach Buzzea, Coach Turpa, Coach Elwood, Coach Livingston, Daniel Merill, Manager Vance Carlin, Manager Sally Walton, Manager Paul Robertson. **F** - Manager Heather Jaques, Jeffery During, Jacob Fadely, Xavier Mendez, Brandon Hughes, Robert Holtzman, Paul Moore, Kristopher Hardaway, Matthew Francis, Kevin McGuffij, Nick Wayne, Daniel Costa, Manager Megan Hagardy. **R** - David Klimczek, Jason Robbins, Jason Martinez, James Sullivan, Matthew Welches, Christopher Smolnicki, Nicholas Mayerik, Brandon Cotton, Chad Smolar, Jacob Cohen, Tony Vottero, and Brian Camp. **B** - Luke Zorick, Frank Montoleone, Jason Ayala, James Hazzard, Matt Semerzski, Dale Fancher, James Oliver, Scott Riley, James Ramirez, Dennis Shea.

At the game against Merrillville Junior Xavier Mendez prepares to kick a field goal.





The excitement rises while Kevin McGuffy and the rest of the Indians enter the pep rally the night before homecoming.

### \* Us vs. Them \*

49	E.C. Central	22
28	L. Central	41
28	Hobart	12
36	Merrillville	22
14	Crown Point	5
21	Chatterbox	10
32	Mt. Zion	0
14	Valparaiso	13
7	LaPorte	3
54	L. Wallace	0
31	Merrillville	14
20	Valparaiso	18
21	Penn	23

**Varsity  
Season Record**  
**4-5-0**



### Moments

•The Portage Football team is based upon hard work and the strong desire to win. •

**Junior Xavier Mendez •**

•It [the team] is based on teamwork and practicing hard. •

**Sophomore Anthony Vottero •**

•We're [the team] probably based on teamwork and senior leadership. •

**Junior Chad Smolar •**

•We're [the team] based on playing with enthusiasm and emotion. •

**Junior James Oliver •**

•The team is based on unity. •

**Senior Christopher Smolnicki •**

P D B J V

At the sidelines, junior James Sullivan and senior Christopher Smolnicki watch and concentrate on the game.

The junior varsity football team huddles together during half time to have a pep talk and discuss plays for the next half.

# \* Us vs. Them \*

38	E.C. Central	0
0	L. Central	14
7	Hobart	24
6	Meriden	7
22	Green Point	16
20	Chesteron	13
40	Michigan	0
10	Valpo	16
20	La Porte	14

## Freshmen Season 1-5-0



At the Michigan City game, freshman Michael Supp gets ready to hand off the ball to Anthony Crist. The team won the game 40 to nothing.



Football

Freshmen

**Front Row** - Manager Elizabeth Cicchetto, Tracy Chapman, Matthew Leonard, Christopher West, Joseph Guidarelli, Michael Forgas, Manager Nicole Serratto.  
**Second Row** - Matthew Vaughan, Sean Hassett, Nicholas Wiemer, Nathan Krenkel, Aaron Schnarr, Kristofer Karagory, Anthony Hopper, Andrew Belsba.  
**Third Row** - Ryan Hall, Bryan Krieg, Brian Bowles, Michael Doane.  
**Fourth Row** - Roberto Delgado, David Piercon, Donald Doyle, Jake Greer, Glenn Oliver, David Dienes II, Adam Erickson, Frank Nieith, Ricky Frasure Jr., Michael Supp.  
**Fifth Row** - Cory Wilton, Mario Lopez, Ryan Rosenberger, Scott Boeman, Cottrell Sanders, William Sokol, Shane Akers, Jacob Shumaker, Christopher Aimutis, Russ Natalie, Robert Wring, Laronce Mabon, Matthew Diamond, Ryan Bergner, Brandon Borders.  
**Back Row** - Brian Nagler, Anthony Crist, Donald Zygowicz, Dean Efantis, James Rush, Bradley Stevenson, Justin Powell.



At the Chesterton football game, sophomore Nicholas Mayenk prepares to throw the ball. Mayenk was also the quarterback.

### \* Us vs. Them \*

30	E.C. Central	0	13	Chesterton	42
22	Lake Central	44	13	Michigan City	22
12	Hobart	18	24	Valparaiso	19
28	Merrillville	22	7	LaPorte	41
12	Crown Point	8			

### Junior Varsity Season Record 4 - 5 - 0



### Moments

*A highlight, I think, is coming back to beat Crown Point.*

• Freshman Brad Stevenson •

*When we beat Valparaiso, that was a highlight for me.*

• Sophomore David Klimezyk •

*My highlight is when we played our game against Chesterton and came back to beat them 20-13.*

• Freshman Ryan Rosh •

*The only highlights are the D.A.C. and sectional victories.*

• Junior Jason Rohrlins •

P D B J V



As Chesterton tackles Portage, sophomore Angelo Papachronis tries everything to stop them. They lost the game with the score of 13 to 42.

Covered in mud, freshman Anthony Crist runs down the field to make another touchdown for the Indians in the game against Michigan City.



It is the closing seconds of a game. The score is tied and Portage has the chance to win it all. Sure, it depends on the athlete, but let's not

## Hooray For

forget about the cheerleaders. The girls' of the varsity,

junior varsity cheerleading, and poms have helped take teams to many victories over the years. "I like being part of the game and helping our players win,"

said sophomore Sandy

Kennedy. The cheerleaders

helped bring school spirit to the games. Admit it, when there is cheering going on, it is easier for students to cheer. The girls' work after school on their routines. All the hard work pays off. This year, the girls went to competition. So at the next game remember the cheerleaders.

## Cheerleaders



On a bus ride to an away football game, the squads combine to get a group picture for a keepsake. This year the teams got together more often to keep team spirit.

At the homecoming pep rally the junior cheerleaders cheer on their class. The Poms and cheerleaders in each class cheered together to help them win.

cheerleading



**Freshman Riffle** - Jennifer Riffle, Lisa Torres, Julie Lochmondy, Piper Van Santen, Diane Zenci, Robyn Karner, Jennifer Andrews, Katie Foster.

cheerleading



**Freshman Riffle** - Christina Vega, Jessica Colburn, Hilda Torres. **Sophomore Riffle** - Samantha Weinmen, Amanda Armenta, Jennifer Vargas, Kellie Smith, Sandra Kennedy. **Junior Riffle** - Jessica Kirk, Kristen Szabo, Lauren Dimitri, Gina Pritchett, Christen Tuttle, Allison Lowe, Jennifer Belleville.



Efforts

Varsity

Junior Varsity





The senior poms do a dance to help the seniors win at the homecoming pep rally. In the end the seniors win, with juniors second, sophomores third, and freshman last.

poms



**Freshman Poms** - Jessica Wireman, Jessica Grant, Nicole Warwick, Dionne Gingerich. **Sophomore Poms** - Amanda Prowski, Krista King, Amber McKiddy, Cynthia Cochran, Stacey Weimer, Michelle Vottero, Ashlie Dehaven, Heather Jaques. **Junior Poms** - Victoria Perez, Kristen Allen, Tiffany Block, Amy Wright, Susie Fogle, Kelly Pokorney, Jillian Wallace, Jennifer Dixon, Angela Sabocik.



A Freshman cheerleader Hilda Torres leads the freshman cheerleaders in a cheer to pump up the crowd. All class cheerleaders try to help pump their section up.

lifters



**Junior Lifters** - Jeffery Greer, Kenneth Markos, Joshua Swindle.



At the homecoming pep rally for football senior Krista King dances to a song with her senior pompons. To be in poms there is extensive tryouts for a week.



At the pep rally for homecoming, cheerleading squads combined to form a mount. This year the cheerleaders had junior varsity and varsity squads.

The varsity girls run their practice at Woodland Park. Other practice areas include Bailey Homestead and Dune State Park.

### \* Us vs. Them \*

second	Penn High	
20	Merrillville	39
fourth	Rebel Invite	
seventh	Manchester	
fifth	Carmel Classic	
33	Lafayette	22
19	Carson Point	44
13	New Prairie	48
44	Chesterton	19
31	Michigan City	24
fifth	DAC	
second	Sectionals	
fifth	New Prairie Regional	

### Junior Varsity Varsity

\* Season Record \*

3-11-0



## Moments

*"This season the team united together and was a lot closer than last year. We accomplished one of our main goals to make it to the state meet."*

**Sophomore Jillian Guthrie**

*"We ran hard and had fun. It was a great season to have senior year."*

**Senior Jadya Frechette**

*"This season overall was rocky, we went through a lot together but all our hard work paid off."*

**Sophomore Rebecca Siminski**

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Juniors Carrie Rake and Amy Wright munch on apples and relax after the D.A.C. meet at Woodland Park.

The cross country team gathers after the D.A.C. Meet at Woodland Park while eating food provided by Town and Country.

The girls stretch their muscles before one of their practices at Woodland Park. Practice sometimes lasted up to three hours.



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**Cross Country**



**Front Row -** Jaclyn Frechette, Sane Ibrahim, Erica Mendez, Amy Wright, Carrie Rake, Linsey Roarke, Ilsa Conover, Stephanie Krostag, Tara Simmons, Candace Posse, Jeanine Ibrahim. **Second Row -** Coach Genie Smonyiak, Rebecca Siminski, Nicole Keith, Melissa Evans, Kathleen Wampler, Jamie Wolfe, Jillian Guth, Amy Lochmondy, Danielle Gingerich, Ashlie Plummer, Coach Jay White. **Back Row -** Gretchen Hargarten, Elizabeth Collins, Julie Thomas, Candace Crockett, Kristin Danskin, Christina Mibalek, Nicole Warwick.

At Woodland Park Trails, the girls observe nature while practicing. The girls practiced up to six days a week.

After the D.A.C. meet, Freshman Melissa Evans rests to recover from a long race.

As the race at Woodland Park comes to an end, junior Matthew Cronch crosses the finishline. Cronch ran varsity all year.

### Us vs. Them

<i>Penn. Hobom</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>Hobart/Village</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>Rebel Invite</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>Alan Chartier</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>Merrillville</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>D&amp;C Meet</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>Carmel Classic</i>	<i>second</i>	<i>Sectionals</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>LaPorte CP, N.P.</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>Regional</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>Chabot Mustang</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>Semi-State</i>	<i>first</i>
<i>Quaker Invite</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>second</i>

**Varsity  
Season Record  
12-2-0**



Varsity

Cross-country



**Front Row** - Matthew Cronch, Dustin Pittman, Joseph Bailey, Jeffery Zeba, Aaron Garza, Dennis Trajny, Adam Ritter, Joseph Hargarten, Alex Mulvihill. **Second Row** - Michael Urbanick, Craig Foster, Daniel Nemeth, Robert Charbonneau, Andrew Zeba, Daniel Dehaven, Kurt Halfmann Jr., Michael Halaschak. **Back Row** - Christopher Erickson, Sean Hannon, Stephen Samuel, Michael Taylor, Jason Ritter, Enrique Fontanez III, Michael Griffith, Thomas Erickson, Michael Zonder.



After the race at Woodland Park, senior Michael Griffith stops for a breather. Griffith ran on varsity this season.





With strong efforts in the beginning by the cross country team, the varsity runners earned an early lead. The team won the race.

After a race, the team posed for a picture. Following their victories, teammates often got together to celebrate.



While he picks up his pace towards a LaPorte runner, junior Michael Halaschak continues running. Halaschak was in the top twelve for the state-bound team.

Together the cross-country team runs in a pack to stay ahead of the opposing runners in the race. This year the cross-country team was second in the state.

## Moments

*"My goal and the team's goal every year is to win state. This year we worked hard to achieve this goal. We were so close but came up a little short."*

- Sophomore Thomas Erickson -

*"This whole season we were on top. We went into state as one of the top teams. We all pulled together to finish second in the state."*

- Sophomore Michael Taylor -

*"This season was awesome. It was the best team unified group I have ever been around. I will miss all these guys."*

- Senior Jeffery Zehn -

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Boys Cross Country



At a match, sophomore Carolyn Slamkowski leaps in the air to return the shot served to her. This year Slamkowski played on the varsity.

Freshman Stephanie Balunda returned a tough shot hit to her at a match. Although Balunda was a freshman, she played on the varsity team.



## Tennis



**FRESHMAN** - Kari Kopko, Stephanie Balunda, Amber Johnson, Michele Williams. **SOPHOMORE** - Rachel Torres, Jennifer Kaminski, Cassandra Chelf, Jennifer Chelf, Carolyn Slamkowski.

girls

## Tennis



**FRESHMAN** - Amanda Hart, Angela Magana. **SOPHOMORE** - Jennifer Belleville, Sara Egendoerfer, Anna Perry, Melissa Evans. **JUNIOR** - Alison Mayfield, Shaina Fink, Nicole O'Connor, Ashley Szybala, Tanja Gazibara. **SENIOR** - Monica Tatela, Jessica Berquist, Julie Green, Carla Wilson, Lauren Dimitri, Shandra Stanfield, Jill Young.

boys

## Moments

“This was my first year playing tennis. The other girls' on the team really helped me out a lot.”  
**-Freshman Shantrea Stanfield-**

“We all put effort in and had a fun time. I really can't wait until next season.”  
**-Freshman Tanja Gazibara-**

“I will remember all the friendships made and how close some of us have become.”  
**-Sophomore Jennifer Belleville-**

*Photo Courtesy: Bill Johnson*

### \*Us vs. Them\*

1	Lake Central	4
0	Andean	5
2	Boone Grove	1
0	Chesterson	5
2	East Chicago	3
0	Crown Point	5
4th Place	Michigan City Tournament	

### Varsity

### \*Us vs. Them\*

1	Lake Central	4
1	Andean	4
3	Boone Grove	1
2	Chesterson	3
5	East Chicago	0
0	Crown Point	5

### Junior Varsity



In an effort to return the ball to her opponent is Junior Amber Johnson as she hits the ball. Johnson has been on the tennis team since her freshman year.

As Sophomore Rachel Torres prepares herself to return a shot she watches the ball. Torres played on the Varsity team, whose record was 3-3 and 1-2 in the DAC.

Sophomore Brandon Arnold stands in the ready position to return a serve. Arnold was on the varsity team this year.

### Us vs. Them

4	Bishop Noll	1	5	Griffith	0
4	Highland	1	2	Valparaiso	3
4	W. Lafayette	1	4	La Porte	1
3	Lafayette Jeff	2	3	St. Joe	2
5	Michigan C.	0	Merrillville Tny	First	
5	Hebart	0	Chesterton Tny	First	
5	Andean	0	Highland Invite	First	
4	Crown Point	1	5	Sec Semi-Final	0
5	Merrillville	0	2	Sec Final	3
5	Chesterton	0			

### Varsity Season Record 11-2-0

### Us vs. Them

1	Bishop Noll	0	3	Andean	2
2	Highland	3	2	Merrillville	3
3	W. Lafayette	2	3	Chesterton	4
3	Lafayette Jeff	2	3	La Porte	2
2	Michigan C.	0	1	St. Joe	4
2	Hebart	0	JV Merrillville Tny	Second	

### Junior Varsity Season Record 8-5-0



"Remember, racket back, concentrate." Those are the thoughts running through junior Hubert Cook's head while he pauses for a breath. Hubert played on the varsity team this year.

As the doubles match continues, seniors Ryan Mason and Kevin Stout concentrate on their tennis match. The boys varsity tennis team finished the season with a 14-2-0 record.





Even though the sun bakes down, the tennis match goes on. Junior Paul Bauer keeps himself on his toes while he awaits for the hit.

tennis



Varsity

**Front Row** - Brandon Arnold, Hubert Cook, Timothy Steckel. **Back Row** - Michael Kramer, Ryan Fisher, Kevin Stout, George Murrow, Ryan Mason.



## Moments

“One good memory is when I came back to beat St. Joe's player three sets to win the tournament in Merrillville.”

- Sophomore Brandon Arnold -

“Playing in summer tournaments each year, and with such a diverse group of people inspired me to take tennis.”

- Senior Ryan Mason -

“My uncle, who used to play, gave me lessons. That's how it all started.”

- Junior Hubert Cook -

“I will definitely not forget the water fight on the bus. We were coming back from the Lafayette tournament.”

- Sophomore Adam Moreau -

P D B A M

While in deep thought, senior George Murrow takes his hat off, wipes the sweat off and prepares for another tennis match. Murrow played on the varsity team.

Determination is visible on her face as senior Erin Jedlikowski swings for par. Jedlikowski broke several school records while at PHS.



**\* Us vs. Them \***

177	Michigan	
185		
201	Chesterton	249
186	Lake Central	182
198	Merrillville	217
193	Merrillville	195
177	Harvard	
	254	
205	Valparaiso	185
171	Lowell	242
171	Wheeler	
	245	
196	Crown Point	177
406	Suttons	
397	LaPorte	
179	LaPorte	177
179	Boone Grove	201

**Season Record  
8-3-0**



With a look of concentration on her face, senior Erin Hamrell follows her putt to the hole. The team ended their season with a record of 8-3-0.



In following junior Natalie Yudt is teeing off at a typical meet. Yudt broke the high school junior scoring record for golf by shooting a score of 37.





Reading the green, junior Natalie Yudi prepares for another strike. Looking at the texture of the ground to predict where the ball will go is common for golfers.



girls golf

WISCONSIN

**Front Row** - Erin Harrell, Cheryl Guzikowski, Stefanie Denny, Jennifer Morrisroe. **Second Row** - Nicole O'Conner, Katherine Mc Murry, Mandy Nelson, Cynthia Baker, Stephanie Lofland. **Back Row** - Mary Nolan, Natalie Yudi, Jennifer Kaminski, Erin Jedlikowski, Coach Tom Milakovic.

## Moments

*What was special for me was when the team tried to help me do better.*

— Sophomore Cyndi Baker

*This season we seemed a lot closer as a team. We all hung out a lot together. We went to Indiana Beach after an Invite and had a blast.*

— Junior Jennifer Morrisroe

*Most people think golf is a stupid boring game. That's what I thought too until I tried it too. Now I realize, it's a really great game.*

— Junior Natalie Yudi

PAY DANCE BY DANCE FORCE



In the rough, Jennifer Morrisroe looks to get back on the fairway. Morrisroe has played golf since her freshman year.

At a match senior Erin Jedlikowski tees off. Jedlikowski concentrates on her ball traveling.

# Us vs. Them

145	Michigan City	152	161	Chesterton	165
167	Valparaiso	170	159	Hammer	171
167	Crown Point	164	160	Kankakee V.	172
147	Michigan City	163	158	Lake Central	156
147	Hobart	173	158	Munster	164
155	LaPorte	147	152	Boone Grove	172
155	Hobart	181	174	Merriville	191
161	Merriville	178			

## Varsity Season Record 12-3-0

With his clubs closeby, junior Matthew Whitver drives the ball towards the green. Whitver played on the varsity team this year.



Before the game, the team huddles together to socialize, break some tension, and to wish each other luck in their game. The goal being to beat their score from the previous games before.

After hitting the ball, junior Kevin Luellman watches to see where exactly the ball will drop. Luellman was also on the varsity team and helped the Indians to achieve their 12-3 record.



## boys' golf



**Front Row:** Kevin Jones, Patrick Highlands, Philip Mulroe, Colin Highlands, James Selvage. **Back Row:** Benjamin Mc Broom, Matthew Whitver, Kevin Luellman, Jesse Harty, James Crowley.

With a swing of his club senior Jeremy Williams watches the ball soar through the air. This year the golf team set a new school record against Michigan City with scores of 145-152 and 175-180.



**\* Us vs. Them \***

175	Michigan City	180
176	Valparaiso	171
176	Crown Point	173
169	Michigan City	167
169	Hobart	179
171	LaPorte	161
171	Ellettsville	190
161	Merrillville	178
161	Chesterton	165
182	Hanover Central	206
198	Kankakee V.	189
203	Lake Central	162
203	Munster	177
170	Boone Grove	194
194	Merrillville	208

**JV**

**\* Season Record \***  
**8-7-0**



While the strokes are being tallied, senior James Selvage and coach Fisher take a preview peek and add up the individual and overall scores of the teams.



Before every game the teams have the chance to warm up. Here sophomore Patrick Highlands practices on his chip swing. Highlands was on the JV team, which ended their season with a 8-7 record.



**Front Row** - Lynn Ewen, Gretchen Circle, Cassandra Dixon, Jamie Lewis, Angela Shields, Heather Elkins, Coach Carrie Wiseman. **Second Row** - Mrs. Renee Turpa, Natalie Yudt, Amanda Autrey, Lauren Hansen, Kristen Leon, Jennifer Fekete, Belinda Meyers, Erin Jedlikowski, Dr. Jon Soliday. **Third Row** - Rachel Chavez, Michele Pickering, Erica Mendez, Cheryl Buegler, Stephanie Ciesielski, Lauren Benson, Rebecca Rodriguez.

Coach Carrie Wiseman gives a quick pep talk while the girls varsity basketball team rests in between quarters.

Girls' varsity senior Gretchen Circle, sophomore Kristen Leon, and Heather Elkins practice their lay-ups before a game. Players often used the extra time before a game to warm up and practice.



With a congratulatory high-five, junior Natalie Yudt and senior Gretchen Circle celebrate along with the performing cheerleaders. Teammates kept each others spirit up by giving high-fives and cheering on the sidelines.



girls



# The girls' basketball team had a successful season this year. The Varsity record was 14-9.

## Varsity season

Although more than half of the team's games were played away, they won the majority of them. The Varsity team had many unforgettable memories this season, including beating Valparaiso, who was in second place in the state, and winning a sectionals game. Portage won

the game with a close score of 53-49. "The highlights of this season were beating Valparaiso for the first time in 11 years, and winning the Duneland Conference," senior Erin Jedlikowski said. Overall, the basketball team as a whole did better not only in their regular season games, but also as a team. This year was a tremendous improvement over last year, due to team unity," Jedlikowski explained.

is cut short

### \*Us vs. Them\*

54	E. Chicago Central	28
64	Gavit	34
52	Highland	39
66	Kankakee Valley	37
55	Crown Point	47
42	Munster	46
64	Merrillville	70
76	Elk Central	49
50	Western	47
55	Hobart	52
47	New Albany	64
57	Andean	53
53	Valparaiso	49
63	Lake Station	22
81	Michigan City	45
57	LaPorte	41
35	Chesterton	31
50	Penn	51
48	Penn	72
58	Lake Central Sectionals	55
62	Michigan City	55

**Season Record  
16-5**



Center Erin Jedlikowski jumps for the tip off to knock it away from an Andean player. Portage barely beat Andean with a score of 57-53.

Varsity and Junior Varsity team members gather in a huddle to wish each other luck before their games. Some players played in each others games.





# Basketball



freshmen

**F**reshmen **R**achel Torres, Shannon Smolar, Nicole Tessencer, Ashlei Grove, Nicole Dearing, **S**ophomore **R**achel Torres, Manager Karen Belsha, Manager Megan Kiley Van Auken, Randi Leggett, Laura Hodges, Nicole Rains, Manager Heather Combs. **B**oys **R**achel Torres, Coach Doug Nelson, Manager Isha Leon, Tracie Korbar, Ashley Plummer, Coach Leslee Cashmore.

## We Got

here are not thousands of fans cheering them on, no photographers, nor reporters. Just two teams wanting to come out on top. The intensity on the

court is equal to any varsity or professional game. The players in

the game try their hardest to win and do not take losing with open arms. "Just because we do not play in the varsity games doesn't mean that we do not want to win as much as the varsity team does," said sophomore Rachel Torres. The J.V girls have

a record of 11-9, but were disappointed in some of their losses. Freshmen girls had a record of 14-3 and were proud of their season. "We combined middle schools and did awesome this year," said freshman Laura Hodges. Both teams had a good season and are looking forward to next year.

## Game



In the fourth quarter with only 4:19 to go, the lady Indians manage to defeat the Lake Station Eagles.



After being passed the ball, sophomore Stephanie Ciesielski prepares to run downtown and score two more.

Everyone's eyes are on the ball as the girls are getting ready to jump for the rebound. They won that game by 31 points.



Efforts



On the court, sophomore Heather Elkins tries to stop the Eagles from getting the ball. The season record for J.V. was 11 and 9.

As Lake Station tries to shoot a freethrow, the Indians concentrate on getting the ball back.



#### Us vs. Them

32	Crown Point	28	49	Chesterton	14
29	Gavit	26	29	Valparaiso	17
51	East Chicago	12	25	LaPorte	24
34	Highland	19	37	Griffith	11
34	Merrillville	23	69	Boone Grove	15
34	Hobart	49	29	Michigan City	31
48	Valparaiso	35			

#### Freshmen Season Record 11-3-0

#### Us vs. Them

36	Hammond	11	28	Monroe	27
28	E.C. Central	29	38	Andean	36
31	Highland	44	41	Michigan City	30
26	Kankakee Valley	28	31	Chesterton	30
33	Morton	18	33	LaPorte	31
47	Hobart	43	49	Lake Station	18
28	Crown Point	19	53	Valparaiso	49

#### Junior Varsity Season Record 11-9-0

Support is half the battle when it comes to a good game. Here juniors Nicole Ristich and Nicole Bacso along with many other students show their support for one another at the homecoming game.



Photograph Melissa Fritz



Down the court junior, Bryan Homan tries to dribble the ball. Homan scored a after maneuvering past the guards for the Indians in the first quarter.

The team waits patiently as sophomore Mark Korba shoots a free throw to even up the score. Korba has been playing since his freshman year.



Photograph Melissa Fritz



Photograph: Melissa Fritz

In the auditorium juniors Cheryl Buegler and Xavier Mendez along with seniors Nicole Warwick and David Costa each take a moment to congratulate each other. They were named the new king, queen, prince and princess.



Photograph: Melissa Fritz

The Varsity, and junior varsity cheerleaders put on a show and perform for the fans during halftime of the Winter Homecoming game.

## Winter homecoming is supposed to be a time to show off school spirit, or lack of it.

It's the middle of spirit week for winter homecoming. A majority of students are wearing pajamas and slippers to school. Everyone is more than happy to wear their pajamas for a day to show spirit. Well, that is how it is supposed to be.

Surprisingly few students participated in spirit week for winter homecoming this year. If you had tried to find someone participating in spirit week this year, you probably would have come up short. Students had many reasons for not taking part in this school tradition. "Spirit week isn't really spirit. They should do something else, like have a pep rally,"

sophomore Lynn Ewen said. The other important parts of winter homecoming are the basketball game and the homecoming court.

The basketball game at the end of spirit week is supposed to be the best part of homecoming, in fact, it is the whole reason why we have a spirit week at all. Another reason people go to homecoming is the excitement of seeing if the person they voted for will win the crown. Still others feel that there is not enough support. "It's not fair that football homecoming gets more attention than ours. More people should come to

the game," said sophomore basketball player, Adam Higgins. There were still some students who participated in spirit week and came to the game.

While the number of students who showed their spirit and supported the team was relatively small, those who did made it well worth it. "I think it is important to show support for our school," said junior Eileen Craighead. Of course, less participation does not mean that students don't care. There is always time to make improvements, perhaps next year.

Written Jennifer Mesich

Designed Kimberly McGee

# But What

These were the words uttered by the boys' varsity basketball team. They always came so close against some of the area's top competition. The boys' varsity basketball record was 8-13, but do not

jump to the conclusion that the team is not very good. The Varsity team has lost to the best teams in the D.A.C. by merely a few baskets. "A free throw here and a free throw there and our record could have been 16-5," said senior point guard George

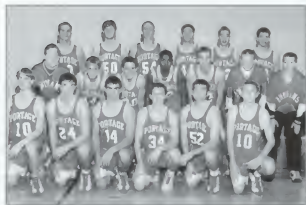
Murrow. They have lost to the region's top teams like Chesterton, Merrillville, and La Porte twice and played them down until the final buzzer. "The games at Chesterton and Merrillville we should have won, it came down to mental mistakes that cost a lot of our games," said sophomore center Jake Parker. In the end the team was proud of their efforts year, but many thought that if they could of played a little bit better they would of had a better year in the end.

## \* Us vs. Them \*

61	Lake Station	29
47	Morton	43
67	Penn	65
74	Calumet	31
57	Lake Central	61
49	Crown Point	66
61	Highland	49
44	Michigan City	64
56	Hobart	38
46	Boone Grove	62
47	LaPorte	62
43	Chesterton	49
38	Valparaiso	62
36	Kankakee V.	60
42	Merrillville	60
51	Elkhart	56
56	Munster	39
65	Noll	50

Season Record  
8-10-0

basketball



**F**ront **R**ow - Dennis Trafny, George Murrow, Gary Reed, Ryan Mason, Michael Kramer, John Durr.  
**S**itting **R**ow - Christina Hodges, Bryan Homan, Darryl Henson, Akeem Clark, Brian Ball, Dave Dievers, Glen Duck.  
**B**ack **R**ow - Scot Wilson, Michael Oslizo, Jacob Parker, Kevin Luellman, Kevin Stout, Scott Swanson.

While the opposing team tried to pass the ball into scoring position, Junior Bryan Homan guarded his man to be sure that he was not able to score.

Varsity



Efforts





While the opposing team tries to contain the Indian offense, junior Jay Durr looks for an open teammate to score. The Indians went on to beat Bishop Noll by a score of 15 points.



A defender from Michigan City waits as senior George Murrow assesses the situation. Strategy and planning are large parts of playing basketball with success.

As senior Kevin Stout faked right and went left he tried to get himself ready to make a shot. Portage lost to Michigan City with a score of 44-64.



Through a Michigan City double team, sophomore Brian Beach goes up for a lay-up.

## Moments

"I hated having to try to learn the other team's plays and cramming a little bit of our offense at practice.

Sophomore Gary Remy.

"The worst part was getting up early to shoot 100 freethrows and then having to go to practice after school for another couple of hours."

Sophomore Gary Remy.

"There were games when we doubled the other team's fan support and that was an away game.

Freshman Scott Henson.

"I think we had a pretty good season and I love the home games.

Freshman Michael Supp.

— D s g e b : s e b n e o l n —



To make a shot, freshman Brooks Wheeler avoids a Noll opponent. At the end of the game the final score was 44-24.

On the court sophomore Brian Dixon tries to steal the ball from a Michigan City player.

In an attempt to gather control of the ball, freshman Aaron Schnarr prepares to make a shot.





After a missed shot, sophomore James Hazzard and a Michigan City player battle it out for a loose rebound. Hazzard was a forward for Portage.

The freshman team gathered around Coach Micklo to discuss play. The freshman team had a record of 13-7-0.



basketball



freshman

### Junior Varsity Team \* Us vs. Them \*

53	Lake Station	10
33	Morton	18
53	Penn	41
49	Calumet	26
55	Lake Central	32
36	Crown Point	26
36	Highland	26
50	Michigan City	57
38	Hobart	29
37	Boone Grove	28
47	LaPorte	39
46	Chesterton	40
33	Valparaiso	35
57	Kankakee Valley	44
36	Merrillville	34
47	Elkhart Memorial	46
36	Munster	33
41	Noll	30

### Season Record 15-3-0

**Freshman B Team** - Ryan Hall, Craig Foster, Sean Hassett  
**Sophomore B Team** - Christopher Aymutis, Daniel Dehaven II, Brooks Wheeler, Matthew Vaughan, Michael Supp, Kristopher Karagory  
**Junior B Team** - Aaron Schnarr, Dean Efantis, Corey Mace, Bradly Stevenson, Adam Ritter, Steven Cimbaljevich, Coach Reid Amones, Laronce Mabon, Andrew Mills, David Trafny, Brandon Borders, Allan Nagy, Daniel Trepanier Not pictured:  
 Coach Scott Micklo

### Freshman B team Us vs. Them

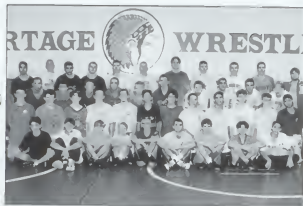
34	Michigan City	21	42	Kankakee Valley	40
48	Hobart	46	31	Merrillville	32
31	Wash. Township	21	31	Chesterton	38
47	Highland	46	25	LaPorte	37
42	Lake Central	31	28	Crown Point	29
36	LaPorte	38	46	Hobart	27
36	South Central	47	44	Lake Central	35
35	River Forest	28	37	Wheeler	40
44	Chesterton	50	41	East Chicago	22
44	Valparaiso	57	25		

### Season Record 12-7-0

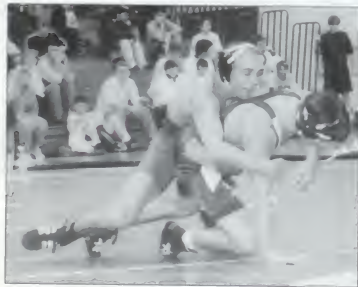
### Freshman A team Us vs. Them

40	Michigan City	23	34	Valparaiso	40
35	Andean	53	44	Hobart	24
27	Highland	28	31	Kankakee Valley	22
39	Lake Central	31	41	Merrillville	38
40	LaPorte	38	48	Crown Point	49
56	LaSalle	49	30	Chesterton	28
46	Washington	45	26	Valparaiso	43
38	Munster	45	34	Boone Grove	23
24	Michigan Marian	23	44	Noll	24
37	Chesterton	53	55	East Chicago	51

### Season Record 13-7-0



**F** - Mark Hutmacher, Anthony Vottero, Nathan Rossman, Gene Neyhart, Adam Moreno, Michael Chandler, David Persin, Chris Ragen, Alex Perez.  
**S** - Frank Nemeth, Adam Roman, Seth Britton, Derrik Wright, Andrew Bradbury, Jeremy Joseph, Jeffery Veach, Luke Nixon, Roberto Delgado, Chris Aimutus, Matt Leomard, Orlando Roman.  
**J** - David Rodriguez, Anthony Hopper, Michael Benson, Eric Keith, Patrick Wilkins, Lukas Dudley, Steven Charnetzky, James O'Keefe, Michael Diamond, Jake Shear.  
**B** - Hernan Colon, Cleatus Furlong, Brad Rivera, Ron Nelson, John Cozik, Justin Powell, Scott Buhman, Rickie Elkins, Jacob Cohen, Aaron Massow, Michael Leonard.



Portage's junior Eric Keith displays his talent and skill by pinning his opponent from Valparaiso. Eric Keith was a state qualifier.

With much skill and determination junior Fred Joseph pins his opponent from Hobart. Joseph placed first in state.

## Reaching For

started out at 6:00 a.m. for morning practice. Practices

after school were from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. At practice, wrestlers run, learn new moves, practice moves with a partner, wrestle like

its a real match, and do sprints. "Wrestling's different since Coach Pendowski took over because practice got a lot harder and more

intense," said junior Aaron Caylor. Spending time together at practices did not affect the wrestlers attitudes toward one another. "We got along good as a team," said sophomore Anthony Vottero. Some were not happy with the results this season. "I thought the season was disappointing because we should have beat Hobart in regionals to make it to state," said senior Dale Fancher.

the top



## Us vs. Them

5	Jv Invitational	0	43	Laporte	27
78	Michigan City		41	Valparaiso	28
65	Merrillville		48	Hobart	22
5	Goshen Invite	0	79	Crown Point	0

**Junior Varsity  
Season Record  
8-0-0**

## Us vs. Them

54	Michigan City	13	27	Hobart	31
Lake Central	second	DAU		Lake Station	second
54	Merrillville	15	8	Crown Point	9
4	Calumet Invite	1	51	Culver Invite	first
38	Laporte	20		Sectional	first
N. Montgomery	second			Regional	second
39	Valparaiso	19			

**Varsity  
Season Record  
9-5-0**



Staring down his opponent from Hobart, senior Dale Fancher gets ready to make his big move to pin him. Fancher was a state qualifier at the end of the season.

At the wrestling meet junior Fred Joseph pins his opponent from Hobart. Portage lost the meet to Hobart 27-31.

With very little sign of struggle sophomore Lucas Dudley attempts to flip over his opponent from Hobart. Dudley eventually went on to win his match.



As she flashes a big smile, freshman Angela Sabock celebrates as she finishes her performance on the uneven bars. Sometimes just finishing the event that they are best in is the biggest accomplishment for the competitor.

As she tries to keep her balance, senior Tiffany Stewart executes a routine on the uneven bars. Most girls in gymnastics perfect their performance in one routine, while others would participate in a variety of events.



Getting some advice, senior Jessica Grant talks her routine over with Coach Rob Sorber. The gymnastics team would go to the coach to get tips on how to improve their routine, as well as for personal guidance.





As she finishes upper floor routine, freshman Jessica Colburn does a dance around the gym. The gymnastics team this year did very well on the floor routine exercise.

As she takes a little break, freshman Michelle Mihalik wraps her foot. Breaks are sometimes necessary during a tournament to replenish energy and rest up for the next activity.



The pressure is on and the tension level is high. The gymnast calmly steps up to the mat and takes a deep breath.

Gymnastics is not only based on physical abilities, like who can do the best cartwheel, but on mental strength and

composure as well. "Before I perform, I'm thinking about tricks that I've been working on and how I want to stick and perfect them," junior Amie Carns said. The focus that the girls have has paid off. "They've done

really well. Every girl has improved throughout the year," Coach Katie Burdett said. The girls owe their success to themselves and to each other.

"My teammates push me to my limits," senior Lindsay Easton said. Hopefully, the girls will have another positive season next year as they grow and improve as a team.

# Tumbling Their

way up

gymnastics

gymnastics



**Front Row** - Ryan Johnston, Angela Sabocik, Amanda Walworth, Michelle Mihalik, Amie Carns. **Second Row** - Samantha Weinman, Marcia Smedley, Carrie Javorka. **Back Row** - Rob Sorber, Kathleen Wampler, Ashlee DeHaven, Lindsay Easton, Jackie Ferchette, Tiffany Stewart, Jessica Grant, Piper VanSanten.

As junior Kristin Harris dives, she concentrates on a focal point to help block out everyone around her. Harold placed seventh in the sectional meet.

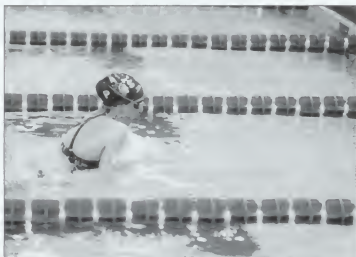
Before diving begins, the swim team talks about their previous performance in the meet and other upcoming events. This year the girls' swim team was 9-4.



**\* Us vs. Them \***

87	St. Joseph	98
115	Hobart	71
98	Lafayette	88
109	Merrillville	77
60	Lowell	41
99	La Porte	87
112	Highland	73
102	Michigan City	84
102	Munster	84
79	Lake Central	107
68.5	Chesterton	117.5
2	Kankakee V.	2
60	Muncie	21

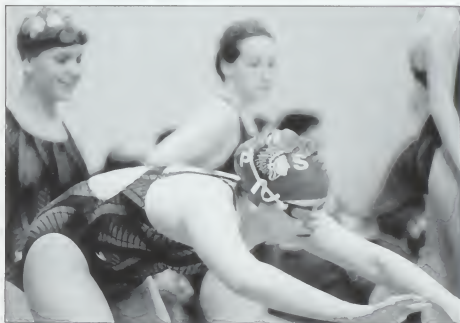
**Varsity  
Season Record  
9-3-1**



As sophomore Kari Kopko swims the breaststroke, her teammate freshman Kara Gibson awaits her turn to swim freestyle. This relay team was third in the state meet.

Three girls, junior Jamie Wolfe, sophomore Heather Piazza, and senior Michelle Vaught cheer on one of their teammates. Everyone participated in cheering on the team after they swam in their event.





At a meet sophomore Amy Lochmondy prepares to jump into the water as her teammate touches the wall. The girls' team placed third overall in sectionals.

ong hours of practice, waking up at dawn, and team work are all a part of the girls' swim team. Swimming is a sport that takes a lot of dedication.

## Dive into

They also had practice every day after school

and in the mornings. "The hardest thing about swimming was getting up every morning and going every day. We didn't get a whole lot of sleep," said senior Michelle Vaught.

However, all of the hard work paid off for the swim team. The girls'

swim team placed third in sectionals. Four swimmers represented PHS in state and swam the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 100 butterfly. A positive thing about this year's season was that the girls spent time outside of the pool together. "We got along better this year," said junior Yecenia Feliz.

## Goals

### swimming



**First Row** - Kristy Corey, Jamie Wolfe, Kristi Siminski, Margeaux Lawson-Loyd, Jessica Perez, Heather Piazza  
**Second Row** - Coach Kathleen Hull, Melissa Lopez, Melanie Morales, Jaclyn DeBord, Stephanie Niemcewicz, Amy Lochmondy, Holly Piniagues, Kari Kopko  
**Third Row** - Nicole Keith, Brenna Sweeney, Margaret Simkin, Kristynn Herrold, Stephanie O'Connor, Nicole O'Connor, Billie Jean Ramirez, Lena Klakoski, Coach Keith  
**Fourth Row** - Kathrine Mc Murry, Gretchen Hargarten, Heide Hulseik, Yecenia Feliz, Michelle Gass, Christine Parks, Elizabeth Simkin  
**Fifth Row** - Mr. Summers, Kristy Johnson, Michelle Vaught, Chrystal Greenwell, Pamela Snoder, Lauren Niemcewicz, Kara Gibson, Juliana Lach, Shannon Parker, Patricia Snoder

girls

As they wait for him to reach the finish line, the swimmers urge their fellow teammate on to victory. Team spirit is an important part of any sports team.

**\* Us vs. Them \***

120	Lafayette Jeff	66
120	Merriville	65
	Munster Relays	third
126	LaPorte	6
91	Highland	94
127	Michigan City	54
85	Munster	101
122	Griffith	64
110	Crown Point	75
PHS	Diving Invite	second
32	Valparaiso	103
67	Chesterton	119
74	Chesterton	60
115	Hobart	68
DAC Meet		fourth
Sectional		third

**Season Record  
9450**

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To improve his performance, junior Jeremy Goins asks Coach Ralph Mundt for advice on his race. Swimmers go to the coaches for tips on swimming techniques.



As his teammate reaches the wall, senior Chris Smolnick gets ready to swim his lap in the relay. The relay race was one of the many parts of the competitions.







Ashe concentrates on diving, senior Rob Berquist mentally prepares himself. Swimmers try to envision the dive before they actually take the plunge.

Ashe comes up for a breath of air, Brian Balta executes the breaststroke. Many swimmers focus on one stroke, while others excel at many.



The swim team swam their way to the top this year. The swimmers worked hard in the pool before and after school to be successful. Their hard work and dedication have caused many great things to happen. "I feel pretty good about the performances. Lots

of people made the top 12 at sectionals. We worked extra hard and we got new people," junior Terry Henson said. The swimmers have achieved goals and have also made some lasting memories of success. "A memorable moment for me is when I made top 12 at sectionals. Coach and the whole team were excited. It

felt great," junior James Kallimani said. Also, members of the team have gained role models. "I admire Balta. He never gives up, he is not bias, and he always does what is right," junior Alex Lo said.

## A Splash

## Attack

### Swimming



2005

**F** **R** - Joseph Hulse, Gregory Mundt, James Kallimani, Robert Berquest, Jason Kish, James Thomas III. **S** **R** - Mike Szent, Dwane Alcatara, Brian Balta, John Harbaugh, Adam Velazquez. **T** **R** - Josh Gamble, John Kish, Donald Lubek, Bill Ripple, Nick Rodgers, Dan Hatten. **B** **R** - Alex Lo, Terry Henson, Alex Mulvihill, Joason Komenda, Jim Gardner, John Gardner, Adam Velazquez.

Subtle signals, speed, precision were all tools that the boys varsity baseball team used to succeed this year. They improved on their 4-25 record from

## Varsity Baseball

last year.

Some of the team were disappointed in their record, while others were disappointed in their personal performance. "There was times when I could have done better but didn't produce when I had the chance," said senior catcher Nick Wayne.

Others felt that their record did not reflect what accomplishes they had made "We really came together this year than compared to last year," said senior centerfielder Kevin McGuffey.

The Indians lost to the LaPorte Slicers who were ranked fourth in the nation, in the first round of the sectionals 13-1.

## Representing



As the ball almost reaches orbit, junior Mark Wiseman hits a shot that was close to going out of the park.

Mark was a major contributor to the team this year.

With strong form, junior Matt Mahns, pitcher, gets a strike during a game versus South Central. The Portage Indians lost the game 6-5 in extra innings.





The team congratulates each other after winning against Lake Central. The Indians won 15-3.



Varsity

## baseball

**F**ront Row - manager Dave Ring, Kevin Goad, Nick Wayne, Chris Hicks, Randon Lingenfelter, **S**outh Row - Matt Mahns, Scott Riley, Evans, Jim Oliver, Derrick Weidenower, **M**iddle Row - Coach Amens, Dave Niloff, Eric Richie, Jeremy Leonard, Kevin McGuffey, Michael Ramian, Mark Wiseman, Coach Levandowski



As the team rallies, junior Randon Lingenfelter scores on a hit by Nick Wayne in an effort versus South Central. Randon was a catcher on the team.



In the dugout, junior Dave Niloff and seniors Derrick Weidenower and Evan Evans hang out during the game. Dave caught for pitchers Derrick and Evan.

On deck, sophomore Derek Boksas takes practice swings before going up to bat. The year junior varsity wore the same uniforms as varsity.

The freshman team looks on as they stand towards the outside of the dugout. The team played its games on the varsity field.

**\* Us vs. Them \***

14	Lake Station	1
3	Lake Central	14
2	Hobart	3
6	Morgan Township	5
2	Crown Point	9
0	Bishop Noll	11
6	Valparaiso	14
15	River Forest	11
6	Michiganville	11
2	Chesterton	5
7	Hobart	10
8	LaPorte	10
1	Michigan City	1
6	LaPorte	6
4	Lowell	8

**Junior Varsity  
Season Record  
8-19-0**



On the bench, the junior varsity team watches the hitter up at bat. The team finished the season 8-19.

After a teammate hit the baseball, sophomore Robert Holtzman becomes another RBI. Junior varsity found it hard at times to score late in the game.





In a stolen base attempt, the throw down to second comes in late to sophomore shortstop Adam Higgins. This was Higgins' second year playing baseball.

Pitcher Derek Boska throws a curve ball late in the count. Boska started many games for the junior varsity team.



#### \* Us vs. Them \*

5	EC Central	7
12	Hobart	0
4	Andean	12
6	Merrillville	9
2	Boone Grove	4
11	Bishop Noll	0
26	Merrillville	6
3	Chesterton	8
4	Crown Point	8
3	CHS/CPHS/MHS	2

**Freshman  
Season Record  
11-12-0**

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The junior varsity team comes together for a group huddle before the start of the upcoming game. The team is made up of all sophomores.



Chillin' at Daytona Beach, Florida, juniors Michelle Thompson and Ilsa Conover body surf in the Atlantic Ocean. Thompson and Conover went with several friends to Florida for Spring Break.



Photograph: Melissa Fritz



Photograph: Cheryl Gudimowski

With a little taste of college life, seniors Cheryl Gudimowski, Denise Carpenter and another touring friend, visit Simpson College in Iowa. All three girls planed to attend Simpson this fall.

At the beach, juniors Michelle Thompson and Ilsa Conover enjoy a day in the sun floating on boogie boards. Many students spent Spring Break on beaches around the world, catching rays.





## Spring Break is awaited and planned for the entire year. It's time to hit the beaches and hang out with friends...It's Spring Break.

This year, just like every other, students spent Spring Break in a variety of places, doing a variety of things. Some stayed in and around Portage and neighboring cities, while others vacationed in exotic places.

Sunshine and warmth were the characteristics students looked for in vacation spots. "For Spring Break I went to the British Virgin islands. It was fun, I lived on a boat for a whole week. I ran around barefoot and saw naked people all day," said junior Sarah Alisman.

Among many places visited, Florida reigned as one of the most popular vacationing spots.

"Miami [Florida] was definitely the best place I went to over Spring Break," said junior Jamie Wolfe. Some seniors thought it would be a good vacation spot to spend the last high school Spring Break together. "This trip made our senior year the best year ever at Portage High School. We are really happy to have spent the time together; and we went parasailing for the first time," senior Melissa Fritz

said.

While some got the luxury of going away to vacation, others had to make the best being stuck in the exciting Portage, Indiana. "For Spring Break I stayed home and went to work at McDonald's," junior Brandi Sholar said. "When I was not at the air force office or at McDonald's, I was out rollerblading and hanging out with my friends." So whether or not students were in Portage, Spring Break was a vacation needed by all.

Written Jennifer Kaiser

Designed Jennifer Kaiser



Photograph James Kallman

With shoes in hand, Cheryl Guzikowski strolls the beach on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Guzikowski and family went on a cruise around the Bahamas for Spring Break, stopping at all of the popular tourist attractions and beaches.

Photograph Cheryl Guzikowski

At a farewell party before their return to Germany, John Defoe, Svenja Becker, Joe Hargarten, and Frank Schaubell enjoy the hospitality and comfort of the new friends they've made while spending their Spring Break here in Portage.



Varsity softball players gather on the bench to watch the game when they are not part of it. Having team members around watching helps keep the players' spirit high.



In batting stance, junior Michele Pickering prepares for the upcoming pitch. Pickering, along with 21 other players from both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, advanced to state competition this summer.



## Softball



## Varsity

**Front Row** - Michele Pickering, Wendy Cannon.  
**Second Row** - Cassandra Dixon, Stephanie Lowe, Angela Shields, Jenica Tyrka. **Third Row** - Belinda Meyers, Kelly Buhman, Jamie Lewis, Katie Kawiecki, Kristin King. **Back Row** - Tracie Korb, Rebecca Rodriguez, Ashley Safstrom, Christina Nystrom, Corinne Munoz, Cheryl Buerger.

With congratulatory high-fives, the varsity team celebrates their victory. Team members encouraged each other to keep spirit high and attitudes pleasant.





After a foul ball, freshman Jeanette Piehl throws another pitch. Piehl was on the Varsity team this year.

## Moments

“This season taught me to believe in myself. The team and the coaches pushed me and helped me to have confidence. Everyone was great, I had lots of fun.”

-Sophomore Jamie Sutton-

“This softball season was very fun and I love working together with everyone on the team. When we play together no one can stop us.”

-Sophomore Ashley Salfstrom-

“This softball season was a great learning experience for me. It was my first year on varsity and I had a lot of fun.”

-Sophomore Cassandra Dixon-

*Photo by Jennifer K. Miller*



softball



Junior Varsity

**Front Row:** Deborah Roberts, Melissa Misner, Heather Elkins, Elizabeth Collins. **Second Row:** Stephanie Labno, Jeanette Piehl, Randi Leggett, Jamie Sutton, Annette Bartok. **Third Row:** Breanna Beike, Holli Owen, Sarah Halfman, Caitlin Groves, Danielle Gingerich, Stephanie Ciesielski.

### \* Us vs. Them \*

9	Hobart	3
5	Valparaiso	2
9	Penn	0
9	Marquette	0
6	Chesterton	0
14	Crown Point	1
20	La Porte	1
3	Hobart	0
1	Merrillville	0
9	Kankakee Valley	0
10	Highland	0
10	Boone Grove	2
17	Michigan City	0
12	La Porte	1
8	Merrillville	2
5	Andean	0
2	Lafayette	3
5	Crown Point	2
1	Kankakee Valley	0

### Varsity Season Record 13-1

### Us vs. Them

11	La Porte	0	10	Chesterton	3
16	Lafayette	3	10	Marquette	3
12	Merrillville	6	5	Penn	3
11	Hobart	2	5	Valparaiso	2
18	La Porte	1	1	Hobart	5
9	Crown Point	6	10	Merrillville	0

### Junior Varsity Season Record 11-1



**\* Us vs. Them \***

38	Crown Point	44
38	Valparaiso	74
31.5	Michigan City	62
31.5	Merrillville	62.5
3rd	Regionals	
	State Qualifiers	
Anna Villaneuva	Discuss	
Melissa Smith	High Jump	
Lauren Benson	200m Dash	

Scoreboard

**Girls Track**



Girls Track

**F** - Carrie Rake, Amy Wright, Pamela Smith, MacKenzie Harsha, Amanda Potts, Rebecca Hall, Maxwell Harsha, Jessica Grant, Gretchen Circle, Melissa Smith, Denisa Hobgood. **S** - Melissa Kelley, Heather Nelson, Nicole Flannery, Joanna Benson, Lindsay O' Rourke, Crystal Schultz, Jaclyn DeBord, Jamie Wolfe. **T** - Candace Gardner, Kera Brust, Michelle Lute, Ashley Plummer, Stephanie Prastag, Jill Wallace, Kristian Allen, Melissa Morris, Jillynn Guth, Amy Lochmondy, Nicole Basco. **P** - Breanna Beike, Lisa Capodagli, Nicole Ring, Jody Greer, Shannon Smolar, Nicole Reine, Kristen Selund, Heide Hulsiek, Gretchen Hargarten, Erica Mendez. **R** - Rebecca Saminski, Kristen Danskin, Ilsa Conover, Sanece Ibrahim, Emily Kirk, Veronica Tilly, Amanda Autrey, Ana Villaneuva, Kristen Leon, Natalie Hardison. **C** - Coach Mark Harsha, Coach Audra Peterson, Coach Tom Sanidas, Coach Jay White.



In the circle, senior Jennifer Fekete launches the shotput during practice. Like all athletics, practice makes the difference between those who excel and those who do not.

With four years of track team experience, senior Pam Smith races down the home track. Pam overcame injuries from her junior year to finish her high school on a strong note.





In the Portage Relays, sophomore Emily Kirk exhibits determination. Emily was part of the girls relay team.



With speed and agility, junior Jessica Grant soars through the air while competing in the high jump. The field events for girls track consist of high jump, long jump, discus and shotput.

In a spare moment between events, the team members unwind and offer support for one another on the infield. Track offers students opportunities to excel as both team member and individual.

As he jumps over the hurdle, Junior Michael Oslizlo fights fierce competition to get to the finish line. Oslizlo made it to regionals in the hurdles during the post season.



The boys' distance runners and Coach Bill Wilke congregate after a race. In addition to being a boys' track coach, Wilke also coaches the boys' cross country team and teaches gym classes.

## Moments

“My most memorable experience was seeing the looks on the coaches and runners faces after our regional championship.”

-Junior Xavier Mendez-

“I liked having an undefeated season and winning rookie of the year.”

-Junior Tony Turner-

“I’ll always remember me and (team mate) Xavier Mendez went 1 and 2 in the Conference Championship. My hands flew in the air when I crossed that line.”

-Sophomore Michael Taylor-

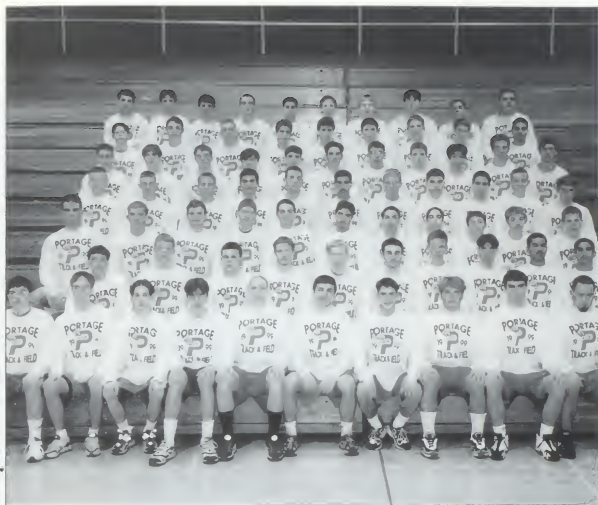
“Placing second runner up against 32 teams is what I’ll remember.”

-Senior Enrique Fontanez-

By Denise B. V. / Photo by Michael



Efforts



**Freshmen** - Christopher Papachronis, Michael Zonder, Joseph Hargarten, Andrew Zeha, Kristopher Hardaway, Robert Tugurian, Thomas Modesto, Jeffery During, Gary Reed, James Sullivan. **Sophomores** - Daniel Nemeth, Charles Pall, Stuart Curran, Justin Follow, Mitchell Sims, Frank Nimeth, Thomas Erickson, Jeffery Zeha, Tony Turner, Roberto Delgado. **Juniors** - Louis Patrizi, Adam Fletcher, Micheal Taylor, Scott Holtzman, Chad Smolar, Joseph Golarz, Jesse Padilla, Adam Roman, Michael Urbanik, Craig Foster, Adam Ritter. **Seniors** - Steven Helpingstine, Matthew Cronch, Steven Samuel, Xavier Mendez, Christopher Pauley, Richard Rodriguez, Charles Kuntz, Bryan Buckroff, Nicholas Rodgers, Christopher Erickson, Michael Halaschak. **Coaches** - Michael Zuilkowski, Dennis Trafny, Matthew Westerkamp, Joseph Bailey, Kurt Halfman, Aaron Garza, Anthony Vottero, Michael Pickart, Robert Vega, Jason Ritter, Michael Griffith. **Managers** - Dustin Pittman, Christopher Aimutis, Justin Powell, Alex Muvihill, Curtis Ksenak, Stefen Hutchins, David Gilbert, Philip Guerre. **Other** - Scott Knutsen, Aaron Flores, Brad Hullseik, Thomas Bialata, Matthew Diamond, Douglas Tones, Jonathon Cladwell, Matthew Andryuk, Omar Said.



In the Portage Relays, Junior Steven Samuel races to the finish line in the open mile. Samuel has also been a member of the Boys' Cross Country team and Track for three years of his high school career.

*All*

# **Individuals**

*Considered*

*From sports to clubs to classes,*  
**Julie Thomas catches her breath as**  
*students show their individuality in*  
**freshman Charlie Mathewson, Candace**  
*activities before and after school.*  
**Gardner, Elizabeth Collins, and Nicole**  
*Senior Kristin King prepares herself to*  
**Keith receive pies in the face. In class,**  
*receive the volleyball, while other*  
**Jessica Sandor waits to develop film.**  
*students attend the pep rally. Junior*





# 1999

Photograph Jennifer Kaiser

The senior girls from the Pom Pon Squad perform a dance routine for the variety show. The girls wanted one final farewell performance.



With a pie in the face from student council, senior Ryan Wall, goes to clean up at the Winter Homecoming Pep Rally.

At the Winter Homecoming Pep Rally senior Daniel Tones walks off the gym floor after performing his skit to show his spirit.



**Bridget Abbott**

senior cultural club 1, academic letter 3,4, honor roll 1-4, TA 4, "Who's Who Among High School Students"

**Kristy Alaniz**

**Autumn Alderson**

**Troy Alford**

**David Alonzo**

track 1, cross country 1,2, latine club 3

**Jeffrey Amstein**

track 1,2,4, TA 4

**Robert Anderson**

**Jacob Atherton**

**Erin Austgen**

junior miss 4th runner up, student council 2-4, drama production 3,4, "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Chinese club 3,4 hope club 3,4 cheerleading 1-3, cheerleaders 1, symphonic choir 1,2

**Johnny Azcona**

**Kristina Baker**

**Elizabeth Balash**

**Derek Baldwin**

**Brian Balta**

"A" honor roll 1-4, national honor society 3,4 science club 3, academic team 1-4 swimming 2-4 captain 4

**Amanda Bartok**

Ferreri L. Rhode award 1, student council 2-4, national honor society 3,4, prom committee 3, TA 2,4, cheerleading 1-3, concert band 1, symphonic band 2-4, concert orchestra 1, symphonic

orchestra 2-4





**Jonathon Bassett**

**Michelle Baugh**

**Marisol Baumann**

**Sharon Beach**

peer tutor 3-5

**Nicole Bellamy**

honors diploma, academic letter, honor roll, "Who's Who Among Americans High School Students", german club 1-4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language honor society 3,4, peer tutor 3, speech debate 2, TA 1-3

**Christopher Benko-Meyer**

**Heather Bennett**

**Michael Benson**

**Stacy Berndt**

**Thomas Bialata**

Latin club 1-3, natural helpers 3,4, football 1-4, captain, track 1-4, captain

**Natalie Blanchard**

**Erica Blastick**

photography 4, TA 2,3, concert orchestra 1,2

**Tiffany Block**

poem poem 4

**Douglas Blouir**

**Joshua Blunk**

peer tutor 2-4, special olympics 1-4

**James Boch**

**Micah Bornstein**

**James Bosstel**

**Andrew Bradbury**

**Chad Bradford**

football 1, vica 4

**Angela Britton**

**Heather Broadway**

**Jerry Browning**

**Joshua Buckner**

**Bryan Buckroff**

**Kelly Buhman**

football 1-4, volleyball 1-4, girls glee 1-3

**George Burchuk**

national honor society 3,4, speech/debate 2-4, intramural volleyball 1,2, concert orchestra 1, symphonic orchestra 2,3

**Fawnda Burlingame**

**Dawn Butterfield**

"Who's Who Among Americans High School Students", presidential classroom scholar 3, National English Merit Award 2, hope club 1, home 4, national honor society 4, swimming 1-3, athletic trainer 4, concert band 2, club band 1

**Nicholas Byroad**

**Ida Camarillo**

**Catherine Camery**

**Kathryn Camisa**

**April Campbell**

sack/snap 4, spinach, club 3,4, peer tutor 1,4, speech/debate 3,4, intramural volleyball 1

**Bruce Campbell**

Leanne Campbell

Wendy Cannon

Legend 1, softball 1-3, captain 8, all-state pitcher 3, state runner-up 3, MVP 3, most RBI's 3, homecoming princess 3, volleyball 1,2, swimming 3, TA 1,2

Kimberly Carlson

Denise Carpenter

odd-stop 1,2, latin club 1-4, secretary 4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language society 3,4, business professionals of america 3,4, TA 2-4, golf 1-3, softball 1,2

Deanna Caudillo

Vicenta Chagoya

speech/debate 2-4, marching band 1,2,4, pep band 2-4, concert orchestra 1,2, odd-stop 2,3, academics team 3, TA 3,1

Anthony Chappo

Michael Chapman

Steven Charnetzky

Angel Chavez

Guy Chavez

Jade Chavez

swimming 2,1

Malisa Chavez

Gretchen Circle

Garrett Clough

Cynthia Cochran

Legend 2, quill and scroll 2, cheerleading 1-3, pom-pom 4, pep club 1-3

Lisa Cohen

John Colburn

secretary 1, TA 2

Misty Coleman

honor roll, Outstanding Youth Award 3, junior miss participant 3, home 4, girls glee 2,3, concert choir 1

Ricardo Colon

James Connaway

Amy Cosby

honor roll 1-4, swimming 1-4

David Costa

Brandon Cotton

football 1-4, TA 2-4, JROTC 1,2

Richard Cox

1st in state and 3rd in nation for electronics technology 3, vica 1,4, marching band 3,4, TA 2,3 speech debate 2,3, pep band 4

Emily Craighead

"Who's Who Among American High School Students", "The Who's", symphonic choir 3,4, foreign language honor society 2,3, girls glee 2, concert choir 1, academics team 1

Candace Crockett

project xl state finalist 2, Martin Luther King essay contest winner 3, symphonic orchestra 2, key club 1,2, cross country 4, basketball 2

James Crowley

"Flowers for Algernon" 3, "Bad Seed" 4, academics team 2-4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language honor society 1,4

Matthew Cunningham

Tonya Cuppy

pep club 2,3

Eric Curiel

"Who's Who Among American High School Students", Hooser Boys' State 3, academics teams 3,4, national honor society 3,4, foreign language honor society 2, peer tutor 1,4

Carriel D'Aloisio

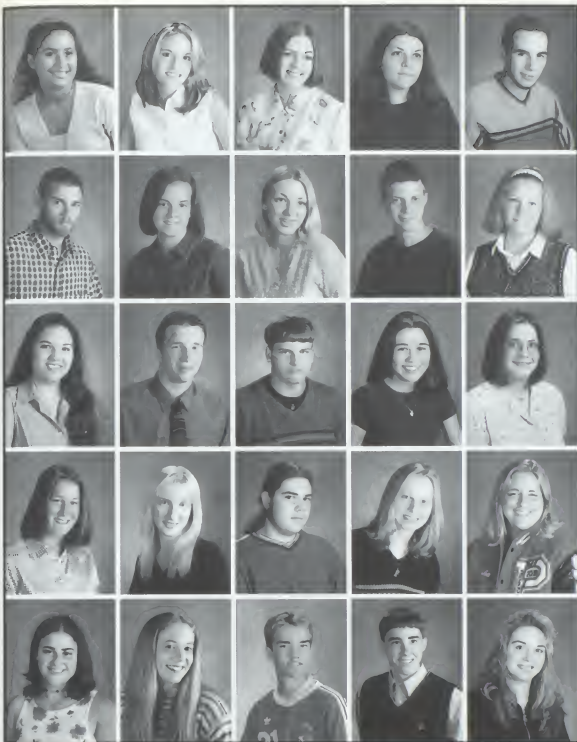
Carli Daniel

Sabrina Davis

french club 2, art club 2

Ashlie DeHaven





**Lynette Dejesus**  
 physics, drama 2, 3, coach 2, 3, cheerleader 1  
**Jennifer Denny**  
**Robyn Detterline**  
 academics, letter, symphony band 2-4, cheerleader 1, 3, 4, soccer  
 track 2-4, "Bad South" 3, swimming 1, basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
**Sally Detterline**  
**Ryan Dexter**

**Anthony Doeing**  
**Ryen Dohner**  
 basketball 1, 2, soccer 1-4, track 2, 3, cheerleader 1  
**Tiffany Dominic**  
 legends 1, 3, percussion 1-4  
**Edward Downs**  
**Roshelle Doyle**


**Patricia Duarte**  
**Steven Dujmovich**  
 TA 1, intramural basketball 1-3  
**Jeffery During**  
**Dolores Duron**  
 TA 4, student 2  
**Daysha Dusz**  
 TA 1, concert band 2, 3, 4, pep band 1-4

**Charlotte Bethany Dutcher**  
 boys 4, peer tutor 2, TA 2-4  
**Renee Dutcher**  
 RFLC 1, 2, 3, 4, TA 3, writer 1-4, foreign language honor  
 society 2-4, national honor society 3-4, french club 3-4  
**Chris Dziepak**  
**Lindsay Easton**  
 ACES, honors diploma, gymnastics 1-4 captain 3, foreign language  
 honor society 3, honor society 3-4, chinese club 3, track 1-4  
**Trisha Eastwood**  
 drum major 3-4, marching band 1-4, national honor society 3-4,  
 foreign language honor society 3-4, symphony band 3-4, concert band  
 2, lab band 1-1, pep band 1-3, french club 1-4, speech debate 2-4

**Brandy Ebling**  
**Cheryl Eddy**  
**Rikard Edvardsson**  
**Jeffrey Ellis**  
**Marilee Epley**

What's your

**Jonathon Bassett**




senior 1999

"Pearl Jam, Evolution is my favorite because of the wonderful animation and the music is alright!"

favorite

**Roger O'Rourke**




senior 1999

"Intergalactic by the Beastie Boys. I like the originality of the video and the funky beats."

music video

**Daniel Rubalcava**



senior 1999

"Rapper's Delight by Redman and Keith Murray. I like the old school and breakdance."

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**Evan Evans**  
David Fadely  
baseball 1-4  
**Joseph Falck**  
Dale Fancher III  
jazz band 1-4, track, wrestling 3-4  
**Alice Farr**  
jazz band, concert choir 1, golf 2-4



**Jennifer Fekete**  
Jason Fields  
Jonah Fields  
Rachel Fink  
Ryan Fisher  
basketball 1-4, national honor society 1-4, tennis 2-4, foreign language honor society 2-4, chess 3-4, golf 1, peer tutor 4, TA 1-4



**Marisol Flores**  
TA 1-3, girls' gym 2-3, student 1-4, volleyball 1-4, peer tutor 1  
**Enrique Fontanez III**  
Kimberly Ford  
Albert Forgas  
Timothy Frame



**Melissa Fritz**  
"Who's Who Among American High School Students", legend 4, basketball 1, marching band 1-4, pep band 1-3, jazz band 11-4, symphonic orchestra 2-4, symphonic band 2-4, lab band 11-1, national honor society 4, TA 4  
**James Frizzell**  
SaraIn Fuentes  
key, clubber of the week, key club 3-4, writer 1 block 3, speech debate 1-3, track 4



**Daniel Fulkerson**  
Adam Gaines  
John Garza  
TA 1  
Marcus Gilbert  
Mark Gillie  
business professionals of america 3-4, TA 2-4  
**Dionne Gingerich**  
Kevin Goad



**Who is**

**Douglas Blouir**



1999

**you**

"My hero is Batman, for his even handed distribution of justice."

**Ryan Mason**



1999

"Walt Disney, he made so many people's dreams come true, including his own!"

**Samuel Mulvihill**



1999

**?**

"Mr. Symer, he gave a talk that convinced me to quit my bad habits. He teaches more than about school in his class."



Arica Gobin

Ricky Goggins Jr

Heather Golec

Joe Gomez

"Who's Who Among America" and "Big School" magazine JROTC

1-4, public affairs officer, sports officer, commander of

IBR, track 1-2, soccer club, year book 1, cross country 1,

Nathan Gonzales

Elisea Gonzalez

Tiffany Gorbey

"Who's Who Among America" High School Yearbook, speech

club 3-4, swimming 2-3, drama productions 2-4

Jessica Grant

gymnast 1-4, track 1-4, swimming 1, homecoming court 4, poem

4, golf 2-3, 1-4

Bradley Green

"A's Honor roll" 1-4, student council 1-4, academic team 1-4, national

honor society 1-4, foreign language honor society 2-4, student council

Michael Griffith

TA 1-3, team captain 1-3, track 1-4

Kortni Grochowski

sadd stop 1-2

Kevin Gross

Adam Gurevitz

Shirin Gutierrez

TA 1

Cheryl Guzickowski

student council 1-4, golf 1-4, "Gossip" 1-4, "The Way" 2-3, 1-4,

Panzer Leather Shoe, Reilly Reflections, key club 1, prom queen,

prom committee 1, national honor society 1-4, academic, science 1-2, 2-4,

foreign language honor society 1, science club 2,

Tiffany Haburjak

swimming 2, symphonic orchestra 2-3, track club 1, cheer

on cheer 1, symphonic orchestra 2-3,

Allen Hagan

Shane Hale

Rebecca Hall

lettered in track 1-4, lettered in volleyball, patronus awards in

JROTC, JROTC 1-2, basketball 1, track 1-4, volleyball 1-4

Scott Hall

Sean Hannon

Melinda Hansell

tennis 1-3, student council 1-4, legend 3, sadd stop 1

Melissa Hansell

student council 2-4, secretary, tennis 1-3, poem wow 9-4 editor of

club, golf and scroll 1-4, poem committee 1, broadcasting 3

Jon Harbaugh

swimming 1-4, national honor society 1-4, academic team 1-4, track

1-2, student council 3, student court 4, intramural basketball 1

Chana Hart

Eric Harrel

Kelley Lynn Harth

Jesse Hartly

Joseph Hatala

Richard Hayes

Cassandra Hendon

National Merit Scholarship Competition Committee student "The

Way" 2-3, 4-4, national honor society 1-4, poem wow 1-2, chairman

1-4 president, concert choir 2, symphonic choir 3-4

Amber Hepner

TA 1-4

Anthony Hernandez

Brian Hernandez

TA 4

Jami Hobbs

What's the

Vicenta Chagoya



6661

"I got a vibrating octopus massager."

Strangest

Kimberly Morgan



6661

"The strangest gift I ever got was seven bottles of hot sauce for my birthday."

Gift you

Krista Kling



6661

"The strangest gift I ever received would be a portable, scented fire extinguisher, this is in case I have the poops."

ever got?

Christina Hodges

junior attendance award 1, super bowl 1, business professional of the month 4, TA 2, basketball 1-4, manager,

Jimmy Hodges

Amber Holeman

Kimberly Holland

Nicole Honeycutt

Rachel Hood

Ryan Horner

Joseph Hudson

Brandon Hughes

Janine Ibrahim

second runner up in junior miss, national honor society 1-4, foreign language honor society 2-4, cross country 1-4, prom court 3, homecoming court 3, gymnastics 1, track 1-4, chess club 3,

Stacy Iloff

Nicole Infante

bosa 4, TA 1

Amber Jacobson

national honor society 4, foreign language honor society 1-4, swimming 2, manager 3, student council 1-2, concert band 2,

Heather Jaques

Erin Jedlikowski

national honor society 1-4, TA 2,3, basketball 1-4 captain, golf 1-4 captain, tennis 2-4, track 1,

Jason Johns

Kristy Johnson

TA 1 4, youth club 2-4, swimming 4, concert orchestra 1

Sheri Johnson

youth club 2, speech/debate 2, TA 1-4, concert orchestra 1-2

Randy Johnson II

David Jones

Cheresa Jonkman

Robyn Kanner

cheerleading 1-3,4, natural helpers 4, TA 1-3, prom queen 2, swimming 2,3, concert choir 1, girls glee 2, bosa 4

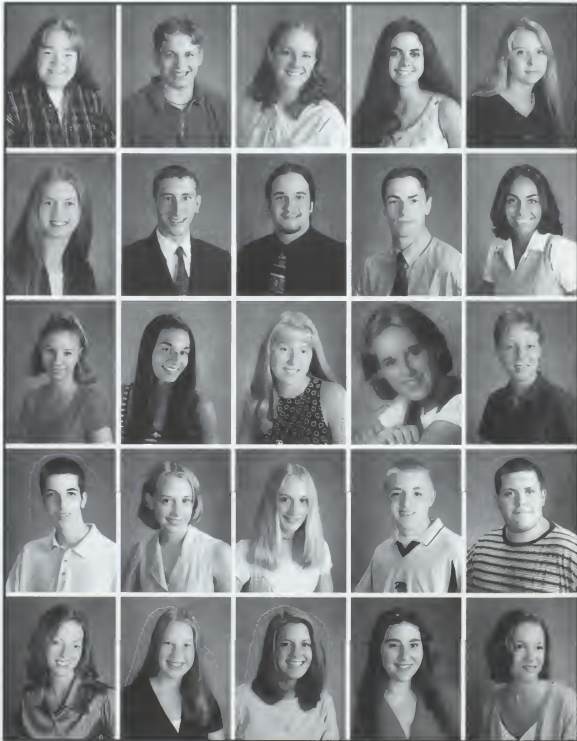
Katie Kawiecki

Kimberly Kehoe

symphon choir 3, girls glee 2, speech/debate 1-4, spanish club 1-3, concert choir 1, peer tutor 1, TA 1-4

Heather Kilgore

senior miss finalist, national honor society 1-4, symphon choir 1-4, girls glee 2, swimming 2, "The Wiz" 2, cross country 1,





**Krista King**  
national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

**Kristin King**

**Natalie Kirincic**

national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

**Thomas Kirkpatrick**

**Heidi Kitchen**

national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

**Joseph Klimczyk**

**Kristofer Komenda**

**Tizza Kornafel**

**Kevin Kosovich**

national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

**Michael Kramer**

national honor society 3, 4; symphony, symphony choir & chorale 3-4; Phi Kappa Phi; Strong History Reader 1, 2, 3

**Sarah Kreuger**

soccer 2, 3; tennis 1, 3

**Robert Kriess**

**Charles Kuntz**

**Rebecca Lackey**

**Justin Larkin**

As seniors walk out the doors of Portage High School for their last time, many remember everything they've encountered in the last four years.

As we say goodbye to the 1999 senior class, we are accompanied by the normal feelings of loss that come around this time of the year.

Once again the end of the year has approached us and another graduating class moves on with their lives. After spending four years at Portage High School many wonder what the seniors are thinking as they move out into the real world.

"Portage High School helped me prepare for the future by offering several honors and AP classes. This has allowed me to be better prepared for college. Also some of the leadership skills I learned through student council I will use for life," said senior Cherly Guzickowski.

Our school has offered classes and clubs to help students get through college and the rest of their lives. "Many of the classes I've taken my senior year have prepared students for the future, in that teachers don't cut students much slack. They make you strive for what you want to prepare you for the real world," senior Ashley Reynolds said.

Others are not anxious to leave high school and their friends behind. "I will miss the wonderful people who I've met as well as the opportunity to compete in high school athletics," said senior Tiffany Stewart.

Having to step up and take the seniors place, are this years juniors. While some may find

this a scary task, others cannot wait to be on top. "I have been looking forward to being a senior since I entered high school. I think that being a senior will be a lot different than being a junior because other students will treat you with more respect and they will look up to you. The only thing I am afraid of is falling on my butt while getting my diploma," junior Janet Fisher said.

Not all juniors are worried about graduation. There are those that just cannot wait to be out of school. "I think being a senior will be the best year of high school because we can look forward to not going to school next year, and everyone else gets to look up to me," junior David Pullen said.

Written Jennifer Kaiser

Designed Jennifer Kaiser

Matthew Lasayko

Eric Lee

Jennifer Lehoky

lettered in soccer, soccer 2-4, TA 2-4

Michael Leonard

Tahana Letica

Amanda Lewandowski

Michael Liesch

lettered in 1-4 capt, basketball 1, Chinese, lab 3-4, natural helpers 3-4

foreign language honor society 3, TA 3-4

Devon Lilly

Kenneth Livingston

Jennifer Llanos



What's  
your

Ashley  
Reynolds

1996



"Mickey Mouse, because he is a magical character that brings out the kid in every person: young or old."

favorite

Robert  
Berquist

1996



"Simpsons, after many years the creators still have creative idea to make people laugh."

cartoon

Nicole  
Singer

1996

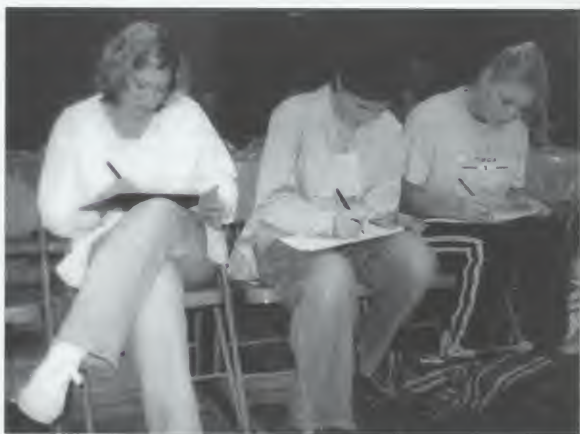


"Scooby- Doo, he rules!"

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In the gymnasium seniors Erin Harrell, Cassie Mateo, and Jessica Grant sign up for the Blood Drive.

This was the 9th annual Blood Drive to be held at Portage High School.





Cynthia Cochran



6661

SEXY

"The most pressure in high school doesn't come from your classes or jobs, it comes from other people. Once you learn your priorities and learn who you are, those pressures begin to fade."

Timothy Frame



6661

SEXY

"The worst pressure I experienced in high school came from my senior year. I was suddenly forced to figure out what I was going to do with the rest of my life."

Tiffany Stewart



6661

SEXY

"Trying to balance athletics with academics is always rough."



Christina Looney

Jamie Low

Heather Lucas

nomination for award of excellence, soccer 1-4, national honor society 3,4

James Lucas

Michelle Lucas

senior's hour 1, FA 2,3

Joshua Lusco

JROTC 4, color guard, color sergeant

Sarah MacMillan

solo, band 1-4, soccer leader 2,4, national honor society 3,4

Leonard Macys

Donald Magee III

Samantha Mahoney

Jacinda Mardis

senior's hour 1

Kenneth Markos

Catherine Marsh

Laura Martinez

Robert Martinie

James Martus

Joshua Marvel

Ryan Mason

student's union 1-4, tennis 1-4, captain, MVP, all sports academics

senior's hour 1-4, president, natural helpers 3,4, president, foreign

language honor society 2-4, national honor society 3,4

Cassandra Mateo

National Merit Semi-finalist, soccer 2-4, national honor society 3,4

senior's hour 2-4, student court 3,4, speech/debate 2,3, track 1

Kari Mayerik

Richard Mayerik

senior's hour 3-5, chess 3,4, academics team 2, 4, FA 1,4

Outstanding 2, track 1,2

Erica Mayfield

Benjamin McBroom

golf 2,4, FA 2,4

Patrick McGlothlen

soccer 4, captain, FA 1-4

Kevin McGuffey







Kenny Palmer  
Nicole Papp  
Melissa Parker  
John Paskevich  
international basketball  
Christopher Pauley  
tennis 1,2 track 1-4, TA 1-4

Joseph Paunicka  
Eric Perez  
Jeremy Perrine  
Lindsay Perryman  
concert orchestra 1,2, peer tutor 3, marching band 3, business professionals of america 4  
Chadwick Peyton

Richard Piazza  
international basketball 3, concert orchestra 1,2, symphonic orchestra 3,8  
Amanda Pirowski  
student council 1-3, symphonic orchestra 2,3, poem posts 2-4 captain,  
prom committee 3, drama productions 1-3, honor roll 1-4  
Jonathan Pollard  
Amanda Potts  
saga 3,4, winter block 1-3, add-on 1-4, track 1,4, concert choir 1,  
concert orchestra 3, symphonic choir 3

Tara Potts  
academic letter 3,4, chinese club 3,4, national honor society 3,4,  
volleyball 1-4, captain, foreign language honor society 2-4  
Daniel Prendergast  
academic letter 3, foreign language honor society 3, baseball manager 2-4

Julie Racich  
Stefanie Ragon  
national honor society 3,4, symphonic choir 1,4  
Michael Ramian  
peer tutor 2, poem posts 3, TA 4, baseball 1-4  
Trisha Ramon

Timothy Raupach  
Andrew Reed  
"The Old Couple" 2, speech/debate 3,4, poem write 3, news bureau 2,  
winter block 2  
Rachael Reed  
peer tutor 3, TA 4  
Joshua Reeves  
units 1,2-1,2, poem write 1-4, TA 4  
Matthew Renner

Strolling through the hallway, senior Amy Nelson gazes at the pictures displayed on the walls. Photography classes hung their pictures for the school to see throughout the school year.

Photograph Melissa Fritz

**Cheryl Revoir**

**Ashley Reynolds**

cheerleading 1-4, modest 1-4, 1-4 president, national honor society  
3-4, pep club 1-3 president, FCA 1-2, chorales 1-2, prom committee  
3, symphonic choir 2, girls glee 1, drama production 1-4, TA 3-4

**Jennifer Riffle**

**Paul Robertson**

wrestling 1-4, marching band 1-3, football manager 1-2-4, baseball  
manager 1, softball manager 3, intramural softball 3, concert band 2-3,  
TA 1-4, lab band 1-1-4

**Joseph Rodarte**

**Jillian Rodriguez**

**Richard Rodriguez**

**Tricia Rogala**

sadd/stop 1-4 president, intramural volleyball 1, honors diploma,  
perfect attendance award

**Jennifer Rosendaul**

**Brian Ruch**

national honor society 4

**Jennifer Sabovcik**

lab band II 1, symphonic band 2-4, science club 2, TA 1-2

**Andrea Salazar**

**Marc Samardzija**

academe letter 3-4, football 1-3, football varsity letter 2, wrestling 2-4,  
wrestling varsity letter 2-4, student council 2-4, student council 3,  
intramural basketball 2-4, intramural softball 1-4

**Jessica Sandor**

**David Sarkkinen**

**Sarah Sasseville**

natural helpers 3-4, TA 2, concert choir 1-2, girls glee 1-3

**Andrew Sayer**

foreign language honor society 3-4, TA 4

**Cristina Schmal**

"Flowers for Algernon" 3, boss 4

**Jennifer Schmitz**

**Adam Scholz**

**Jeremy Schramm**

**Michael Schramm**

JROTC 1-4, platoon sergeant, drill team, writer's block 2-3, TA 1-3

**Michael Schultz**

**Kristin Scribner**

concert band 2-3, lab band II 1

**James Selvage**

golf 1-4 captain, concert orchestra 1, symphonic orchestra 2

**Dusk Sheaks**

football 1

**Peggy Shelton**

Marching band 1-4, pep band 1-3, concert band 3, symphonic band 4,

lab band II 1, concert orchestra 3, symphonic orchestra 4, TA 3-4,

business professionals of america 3-4, winterguard 1-3, captain

**Chad Shewmaker**

**Justin Siemion**

**Jason Simcox**

**Stephanie Simons**

**Daniel Sims**

**Nicole Singer**

business professionals of america 3-4 secretary, speech/debate 2,

secretary 3, concert choir 1,

**Michael Sipich**

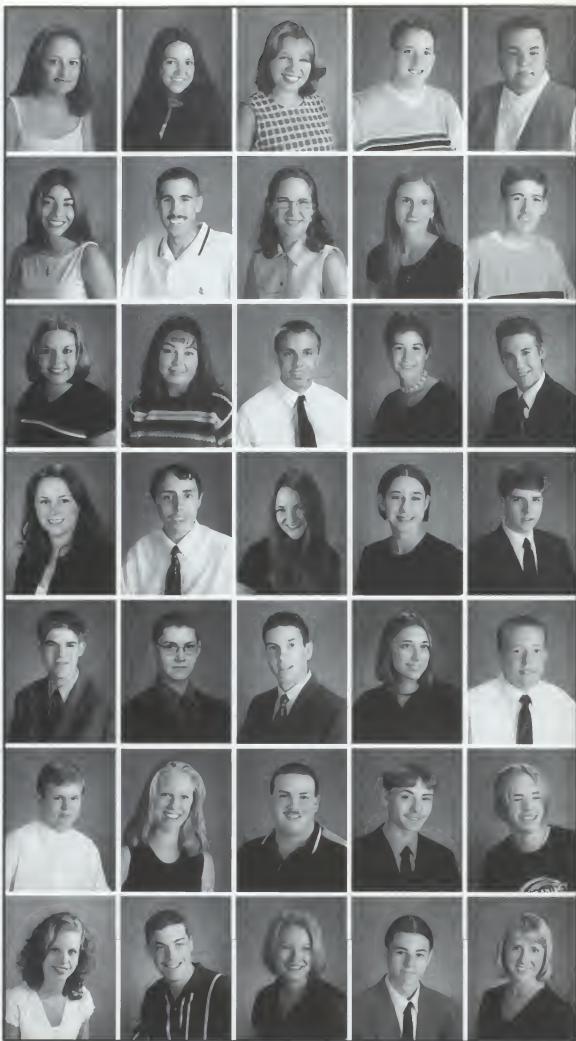
**Andrea Skafish**

therapists 2-4, co-president, national honor society 3-4, chess club

3-4, foreign language honor society 2, musical choreographer 1-4,

student court 2-4, chief justice 4, junior miss, symphonic choir 1-3,

promcourt 3, latin club 1





While he ties his shoe senior Enrique Fontanez III takes a break from the pressures of high school. Students are often seen in the mornings sitting around their locker and studying or chatting.

Photograph: Kimberly O'Brien



Pete Skoutaris  
Bryan Slatton  
Jeffrey Smith  
Kelly Smith  
Kyle Smith

Melissa Smith

soccer 1-4, saddle/strop 1,2,3,4, national honor society 3,4, basketball 1,2, track 1-4, concert band 1

Pamela Smith

track 1-4, saddle/strop 2-4, basketball 1,2, concert band 2, lab band II 1,

Kari Snoder

super led 1,2, "Who's Who Among High School Students?" 1,2, intramural softball 1, pep band 1-4, concert band 2,3, lab band II 1

Adam Snuffer

David Soltys

Craig Stafford

marching band 1-4, percussion leader 2-4, lab band 3,4, track 2, symphonic orchestra 2, track 2, soccer 1, concert orchestra 1

Brian Stanish

Anthony Stanley

Mandy Stanton

Michelle Steege



Senior Mandy Stanton prepares for her part in the play "Bad Seed". Stanton played Mrs. Penmark, the mother, in this years fall play.

Photograph: Melissa Fritz



At the D.A.C. cross country meet, senior Michael Griffith receives a handshake and an award from Principal Richard Kirchner. Griffith has been in cross country and track since his freshman year.



**Genita Steining  
Belinda Stepnowski**

Who's Who Among American High School Students<sup>®</sup>, National English Merit award, national honor society 3, 4, foreign language honor society 1, peer tutor 1, 2, winter's block 2, marching band 1.

**Eric Stevenson  
Tiffany Stewart**

deputies 4 vice president, drama productions 1-4, swimming 1, track 3, national honor society 3, 4, symphonic choir 1, 2, cheerleaders 2, foreign language honor society 2-4, gymnastics 1-4 captain.

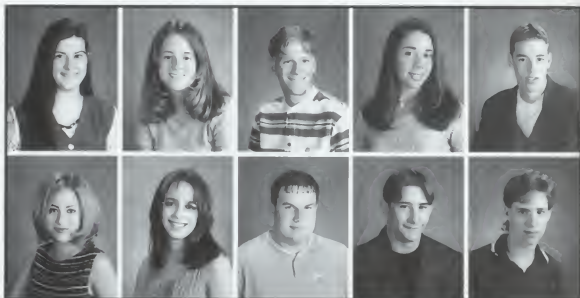
**Kevin Stout**

honors diploma, basketball 1-4, tennis 2-4, baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, national honor society 4.

**Stephanie Sulcer  
Tiffany Surer**

**Eric Swanson  
Joshua Swindle**

**Brian Talley**



What's the

**Micah Bornstein**



"Hey fly honey, want a taco?"

best pickup

**Jennifer Fekete**



"Are you hurt, because you must have fallen from heaven."

line you ever

**Cheryl Guzikowski**



"Do you sleep on your stomach? Can I?"

heard us?





**Dana Tarin**  
**Joseph Tarin**  
 JROTC 1-4, commanding officer, 3, 4, swimmer 2, track 3  
**Robert Taylor**  
**Ryan Teague**  
**Kristina Teso**

**Michael Tesseneer**  
**Sara Thatcher**  
**James Thomas III**  
 TA 1-4, swimmer club 2-3, peer tutor 2-4, swimming 2-4, academic team 3  
**Terrence Thompson**  
**Danyeale Toczek**  
 saddle soap 3, business professionals of america 2, super kid, vocational certificate of achievement

**Daniel Torres**  
 senior class president, all district conference, student council 3-4, soccer 1-4 captain  
**Pamela Tometzak**  
**Paul Torchia**  
 JROTC 1-4 colorguard, national honor society 3-4, football 1-2, swimming 1, foreign language honor society 3  
**Alex Torres**  
 soccer 1-4, track 1-2, basketball 1  
**David Torres**  
**James Torres**  
 track 3-4  
**Cynthia Torrez**  
**Phillip Treece Jr.**  
**Justin Tucker**  
**Benjamin Tungol**

**Piper Van Santen**  
 academic letter 3-4, pep club 1-3 treasurer, track 1, peer tutor 3, national honor society 3-4, prom committee 3, gymnastic 1-4, homecoming court 3-4, chess club 3  
**Donald Vanderploeg**  
 intramural basketball 3  
**Yvette Vasquez**  
 boys 4, tennis 1-3  
**Michelle Vaught**  
**Michael Vega**



**A**t the Winter homecoming pep rally, seniors **Michael Kramer**, **Michael Romain** and **Roger O'Kourke** perform **Beastie Boys Intergalactic**. Students performed skits, had contests or showed their spirit by showing up for pep rally's.

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**Monica Vega**

prom court 5, pep court 1,2, gymnastics 1, pom poms 1,2,

**Lester Vittetoe**

**Michelle Vottoro**

"Jim Lipell" 1, "The Win" 2, pom poms 4, athletic trainer 3,4, TA 3,  
concert choir 1, marching band 1, pep band 1.

**Ryan Wall**

**Courtney Wallace**

tennis 1,2

**Jeremy Wallace**

**Kevin Wallekog**

"Bad Seed" 4, student council 3,4, national honor society 4,  
student council 3,4, symphonic orchestra 1-3, french club 1-4,  
audience teams 4, speech/debate 3,4

**Jessica Walstra**

**Sally Walton**

**Kathleen Wampler**

cross country 1-4, gymnastics 3,4, track 1,2.

**Heidi Warona**

**Nicole Warwick**

track 1-4, cross country 1-3, pom poms 3,4 captain, basketball 1,  
intramural volleyball 3, TA 1-4

**Evan Wasilewski**

**Nicholas Wayne**

**Candice Weinman**

cross country 1, tennis 1-3

**Robert Wells**

**Aaron West**

basketball 1, football 1-3

**Amber Wherry**

concert band 2,3, TA 1-3

**Erin Widing**

swimming 1,2, peer tutor 1

**Patrick Wilkins**

soccer 1, wrestling 1-4, intramural softball 3,4



**W**inter homecoming king senior **David Costa** receives a congratulatory hug from senior **Nicole Warwick**. Warwick was crowned this years homecoming queen.

**I**n the hood of his Volvo, senior **Micah Bornstein** checks his reflection before school. Students hung out by their cars in the parking lot before and after school.

Photograph Melissa Fritz





**Candice Williams**

**Scot Wilson**

baseball 1-4, captain 3-4, baseball 1,2, 3,4, swimming 1,2, 3,4

**Jessica Wireman**

**Jacob Wood**

honors diploma, TV 1, soccer 3, symphony orchestra 4

**Nicole Wright**

JROTC 1,2, TA 4, wrestling marmad 1

**Erica Yates**

**Amy Zaragoza**

**Jeffery Zeha**

academia letter, top 20th out of class, honors diploma, academic all state, cross country 1-4, track 1-4, captain, national honor society 3,4, symphony orchestra 2, foreign language honor society 3,4

**Brian Zingo**

matchbox band 1, 4 section leader, thespians 3,4 co-president, band 1, 4, symphony choir 3,4, pep band 1, 4, jazz band 1, 4, jazz band II 2, concert band 1-4, concert orchestra 2, 4

**Deanna Zych**

academia letter 2, national honor society 3,4, symphony choir 1-4, co-president, thespians 1-4 secretary, drama productions 2-4, choristers 3,4, symphony band 2-4, concert band II, jazz band 1,2,3,4, jazz band II 4

**UPPER:** Senior James Crowley prepares for the fall play "Bad Seed" in his old man costume.

**MIDDLE:** Giving a battle cry, senior Thomas Modesto performs a skit about the upcoming football game.

**LOWER:** Tennis conditioning leader senior Rachel Fink demonstrates the steps for the aerobic workout. Conditioning was held every Monday through Thursday in the commons.



Photograph Jennifer Kaiser



## Midterm graduation gives seniors more opportunity and time to plan their futures.

In rows of two, one by one, they take their seats in the auditorium with big smiles on their faces and with the sounds of cheers all around them.

It is that time of year again, Midterm graduation. The seniors' moment in the lime light. The auditorium grew louder and louder with the cheers of congratulations as each senior went up to the lectern to receive the long awaited, golden opportunity to really step out and begin their lives as their diplomas.

However, for most graduates it was a time to kick back, relax, and enjoy their day to shine. Of course, there was the always popular "I hope I don't fail" fear going around. Some other things running through their minds were little things like "Shake with right hand, grab with left hand," said by senior Chris'fer Opolski. Little things that they would use in order to dodge making a fool of themselves in front of all their peers and parents.

Many seniors graduate midterm in order to get a head start at colleges or jobs. Others graduate early because they

have no real reason to stay in school any longer. They met all their requirements early and have no reason to take anymore classes. "I graduated midterm because I didn't have any other classes that I needed to take," said senior Mindy Hansell. On the other hand, many students have a pretty good idea of what they are going to do with their future and have thought through their future plans. "I'm going to go to Robert Morris College in Chicago for graphic designing," said senior Kimberly Ogden.

Either way it is safe to say that the majority of these "former" seniors were happy to graduate from high school. "Yes, I'm done!" said senior Steven Dujmovich. Other comments were, "Thank God it's over with. I'm really looking forward to sleeping more," said senior Tiffany Surer.

Graduation is just one step compared to the many more the seniors will have to face. Each individual going their separate ways to attempt to make it out there in there in the real world. Best of luck to the Seniors of 1999!

Written and Designed Elizabeth Batista



After she receives her diploma, senior Sarah Chase walks back to her row and takes her seat along with her fellow graduates.

The senior class president Daniel Tómes gives a speech to help encourage his fellow seniors on their future plans in life.



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In row two, senior Patricia Duarte stands and begins to walk up to go and receive her diploma.

The senior class talks among themselves as they are seated and await their speaker.



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At the lectern Mr. Richard Kirchner speaks to the seniors about their future and what to look forward to.

Her time has finally come. Senior Stefanie Ragon receives her diploma from Assistant Superintendent Mr. Terrance Levenda.

Photograph Letitia Gray





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In the auditorium junior Daniel Lewis sleeps during the ISTEP retakes.

Most students slept the few minutes they had left after taking it.



Before school, junior Joselyn Strom joins the annual "See You At The Pole". Over the past few years, this circle has become more popular to everyone.



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Jennifer Abbott  
Allison Adams  
April Atkins  
Ranier Alcantara  
Jeremy Alexander  
Ruben Alcea  
Sarah Alsmann  
Stephanie Altien

Sara Anders  
Jennifer Andrews  
Matthew Andriuk  
John Anteck  
David Aponte  
Stacy Babjak  
Nicole Bacco  
Jenica Balakir

Brian Ball  
Richard Banke  
Christina Barajas  
Danielle Barnett  
Amy Barwig  
Elizabeth Batista  
Paul Bauer  
Enika Beal

Michelle Bellar  
Karen Beloha  
Anthony Benefiel  
Lindsey Benninger  
Shawn Berryman  
Thomas Bingham  
Emily Blanchard  
Michelle Blank





Joseph Blumenthal  
Gabriel Bodnar  
Valerie Borg  
Neyla Boruff  
David Braycki  
Scott Brannen  
Samuel Bravo  
Ryan Brewster

Meredith Breyfogle  
Kerise Britton  
Eric Brown  
Daniel Brubaker  
Heather Brutout  
Robert Bundy  
Cheryl Buegler  
Crystal Burch

Christopher Burton  
Lakira Busch  
Jennifer Byroad  
Tran Camp  
Tara Cardenas  
Vance Carlin  
Amie Carms  
Erik Carpenter

Gaundice Carter  
Tiffany Eastanga  
Tammy Chadwick  
Kenneth Cheney  
Sarah Childers  
Christopher Childs  
Jennifer Chubbis  
Vanille Ciesielski

Genia Cimbaljevich  
William Cleary  
Jonathan Cliver  
Tracy Cobb  
Michael Cohen  
Amber Lorette  
Stephany Colunga  
Jaime Conn

Shaun Connelly  
Ilisa Conover  
Liam Copeland  
Misha Cornejo  
Irene Corros  
Danielle Coyne  
Eileen Craighoad  
Matthew Cronch

2000

**Matthew Welches**

"One of my favorite childhood games was Monopoly because I have an enormous lust for money."



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2000

**Diane Zenci**

"My favorite childhood game was hide and go seek because it was a game played with many people."

What was one of your favorite childhood games? Why?

2000

**Meredith Breyfogle**

"One of my favorite games was Red Rover because the guys thought girls couldn't break through and liked to show them I could."



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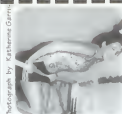
2000

**Krystal Levai**

"My favorite game would be spin the bottle because it gave the not so attractive girls a chance to kiss the cute guy."

2000  
Shannon Sandlin

"I would make it so all guys would be way more understanding."



2000  
Susie Fogle

"I would make it so they would be able to have 'somebodies'."

If you could change one thing about the opposite sex what would it be?

2000  
Xavier Mendez

"I would change their attitude because girls think guys are so bad and they always yell at you for things you forget."



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2000  
Matthew Whitver

"I would drop that attitude they always seem to have."

Shannon Crum  
Deloniah Cruz  
Jody Cummings  
Quentin Earl  
Daniel Gilly  
Kristin Gunkel  
Brian Hamell  
Christina Davis

Crystal Davis  
Arron Dewitt  
Nicole Diaz  
Jennifer Dixon  
Melanie Dobra  
Kenneth Draves  
Connie Dudley  
Kyle Dunn

Wilber Harfer  
John Durfee  
Heidi Durkin  
John Durr  
Samantha Edmond  
Edward Engenderfer  
Carlos Escabalzeta  
Chad Ellison

Anana Escobar  
Angela Espinoza  
Nicole Evetto  
Sarah Eyermann  
Kristen Falardeau  
Matthew Farmer  
Yecenia Felix  
Erin Fitzgerald

Aaron Foreman  
Katie Foster  
Matthew Francis  
Desiree Franco  
Alicia Frechette  
Erin Furnish  
William Garner  
Katherine Gams

Charity Garwood  
Angela Gazbarra  
Dale Gebert  
Nicholas George  
Aime Giesler  
Angela Gish  
Kristan Glancy  
Jeremy Gons





Letitia Gray  
Maddie Gray  
Neslee Vance  
Kerri Jordan  
Kenna O'Connell  
Robert Gray  
Alexander Williams  
Brandon Hinkle

Tiffany Hagen  
Michael Halaszak  
Amy Hall  
Jennifer Hallinan  
Brendan Halpin  
Olga Haniack  
Kristy Harkins  
David Harvath

Amy Hawkins  
Patricia Hedgepeth  
Jack Heffright  
Emily Henke  
Darryl Hemlin  
Vincent Hernandez  
Jennifer Hertaus  
Christopher Hicks

Bud Hinchley  
Denise Hobgood  
Melinda Holland  
Carol Holloway  
Jillcott Holtzman  
Bryan Homan  
Stephanie House  
Lindy Howard

John Hrisofos  
Joseph Hulise  
Emily Hunt  
Larsa Hunt  
Mathew Hutchins  
Angelina Ivanovic  
Katherine Ivey  
Amanda Jamieson

Garnie Javorka  
Amber Johnson  
Ryan Johnston  
Christopher Jones  
Karen Jones  
April Jongsma  
James Jordan  
Fred Joseph



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After a hiking trip at Deep River Park junior Letitia Gray became stuck in a thorn bush. Hiking with friends has become popular over the years.

Together in photography, junior Chris Niloff and sophomore Sane Ibrahim work on photographs. This class has grown for the past few years.



In the commons  
juniors Diana Haniacek  
and Angela Gish enjoy a  
cold pop. Most  
students sit in the  
commons before and  
after school.



At the DAC cross  
country meet, junior  
Steve Samuel receives  
a ribbon after racing a  
4k. The seven varsity  
runners made it into  
the top twelve.



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Jennifer Jelliff  
James Nailman  
Aaron Kalman  
Jaletha Kalman  
Janeen Kamel  
Bethany Kane  
William Kaniel  
Eric Keith

Cameron Kelly-Johnson  
Eric Kemp  
Kathryn Kester  
James Kinnic Jr  
Benjamin Kish  
Kelly Kirk  
Timber Kirkpatrick  
Jason Kish

John Kish  
Natalie Kitchen  
Christopher Kleckner  
Holly Kingensmith  
Aaron Klinger  
Joseph Kobylinski  
Gina Koenemann  
Gregory Koons

David Korbal  
Joseph Kornafel  
Roxanne Krieg  
Stephanie Krinakus  
Nicholas Kujawa  
Steven Kunch  
Cory Land  
Jason Lavender

Angela Lazar  
Tabitha Lee  
Tiffany Lee  
Shauna Lees  
James Leon  
Krystal Lievai  
Brian Lewandowski  
Douglas Lewandowski

Anthony Line  
Randon Lingenfelter  
Dustin Littlefield  
Alexander Lo  
Enca Lo  
Julie Lochmundy  
Lisa Lombardi  
Stephen Lovings





2000

Micheal Osizlo

"I would be stranded with my girlfriend because, what, the fun is being alone with a guy?"



Photograph by James Wolfe

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Amanda McKenzie

"I would have to be stranded with Tiffi Lunsie, because she has such beautiful eyes."



If you could be stranded on an island with anyone who would it be? Why?

2000

Denise Hobgood

"I would be stranded with Dale, because he is my boyfriend. Of course I would want to be stranded with him."



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2000

Chad Smolar

"I would be stranded with Carmen Electra because she could save me if I was drowning."



Tommy Low  
Dinard Luback  
Debra Luedtke  
Kevin Ludman  
Laune Luna  
Vince Lusk  
Karin Lynsby  
Matthew Mahini

Aasia Malik  
Amanda Mangual  
Shawn Marjanian  
Josp Markovich  
Slicky Martin  
Richard Martinez  
Jessica Marvel  
Aaron Massow

Karla Matthews  
Nicholas Maxwell  
Sarah May  
Kelli Maynard  
Nathaniel Mazur  
James McFarlane  
Kimberly McGee  
Kimberly McGinnis



Photograph Katherine Gantz

After a cross country race, juniors Carrie Rake and Amy Wright eat apples. Many runners eat after the race to become energized.

Shawn McGuire  
Alondra McKinnis  
Mark Mickm  
Megan McLeod  
Rhonda McQuary  
Ryan Melton  
Marina Mendez  
Xavier Mendez

Alyson Merkle  
Christopher Messer  
Christopher Mihal  
James Mills  
Laura Montgomery  
Frank Monteleone  
Jebreena Montross  
Krystal Morgan

Jennifer Morrice  
Ali Muhammad  
Leonard Muhammad  
Gregory Mundi  
Conne Munoz  
Carla Munsch  
Justin Murphy  
Daniel Nemeth

Joni Newsom  
Julia Nicksch  
David Niloff  
Erin Nolan  
Mary Nolan  
Cassandra Ogden  
Brian Oltham  
James Oliver Jr.

Michael Oslizic  
Thomas Pappali  
Chasidy Parks  
Lukas Patric  
Jasen Paulsen  
Christine Paunicka  
Allison Peda  
Michael Peek

Michael Peete  
Shana Pilot  
Suzanna Pena  
Cassandra Pendleton  
Christopher Pernie  
Julie Peters  
Patricia Peyton  
Michele Pickering



2000

Charles Yermack

"I would want to go to Hawaii. It is so beautiful with the blue ocean and the white sand it would be perfect."



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2000

Erica Lo

"I would be transported to Florida since it is warm down there."



If you could be transported anywhere in the world right now, where would it be? Why?

2000

Jessica Wayte

"I would be transported to Germany because it is so cool."



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2000

Shane Setnor

"I would be transported to an island with Brian Ballentine and Matt Whitton."



# Top Ten

1. You are definitely one year away from the graduation ceremony.
2. Prom is controlled solely by you.
3. Your SAT's and ACT's are not just optional anymore.
4. School spirit is not in your official description.
5. You officially have the title "upperclassman".

facts  
all  
juniors  
need to  
know

# for 98-99

6. You have a couple more chances to pass the ISTEP.
7. Make an effort to look up graduation requirements.
8. Knowing how to defend yourself in the parking lot.
9. Counselors think college is actually important.
10. By now you have figured out Nacho Beef Ole' is the supreme meal.



Raquel Flicking  
Megan Piddington  
Matthew Piehl  
Amanda Pilipovich  
Janice Place  
Kelly Pokorney  
Jason Pomales  
Lyndsay Ponda

Jill Pollack  
Stephanie Price  
Aaron Priesel  
David Pullen  
Lorne Rake  
Sean Reibly  
William Reid  
Jessica Rhea

Jennifer Rhoads  
Eric Rulhe  
Kelly Riggs  
Scott Riley  
Nicole Ristich  
Jason Ritter  
Kory Robbins  
Jason Robbins

Angela Roberts  
Nerissa Robertson  
Jeremy Robinson  
Nicholas Rodgers  
Chanty Rodriguez  
Crystal Rodriguez  
Kelsay Rodriguez  
Heather Rogers

Edward Roman  
Christine Roth  
Jaclyn Ruebenham  
Theresa Russel  
James Rutledge  
Tressa Sabo  
Mare Salyer  
Steven Samuel

Lorne Sanders  
Shannon Sandlin  
Abigail Santiago  
Tracie Sapkaroski  
Christopher Sapon  
Anthony Scalone  
Rebecca Schmidt  
Rustie Schelle

**2000**  
**Kevin Luellman**

"I've said it and I wouldn't live without it would be my car, because I am always going places."



Photograph by James Wolfe



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**2000**  
**Rhonda McQuerey**

"I've said it and I wouldn't live without it would be my computer because it is my link to the outside world."

**What is one item you couldn't live without? Why?**

**2000**  
**Jessica Marvel**

"I couldn't live without coffee because I love the taste and the caffeine in it."



Photograph by James Wolfe



Photograph by James Wolfe

**2000**  
**Sarah May**

"The one item I couldn't live without would be my car without it I would be sorry."

Christina Simmen  
Kathleen Higgins  
Shane Bernor  
Ryan Shaw  
Dennis Shea  
Amber Shebesh  
Ryan Shippin  
Brandi Sholar

Jacob Shreve  
Jara Simmons  
Cheryl Simin  
Kimberly Sisk  
Neil Sly  
Angela Smith  
Bryon Smith  
Tiffany Snoder

Julie Soldi  
Pierre Sosa  
Kristin Sparks  
Lisa Stanley  
Tim Steckel  
Jeselyn Strom  
James Sullivan  
Nicole Sweet

Amber Switzer  
Justin Tarpley  
Michael Tarrant  
Aaron Tarry  
Scott Taylor  
Kari Tharp  
John Thomas  
Julie Thomas

Michelle Thompson  
Peter Timpe  
Amber Tolliver  
Lisa Torrell  
Christopher Trajowski  
Irene Trapper  
Joanna Trathen  
Gary Tufaya

Robert Tugunan  
Tony Turner  
Jessica Tyrka  
Rachel Vallejo  
Megan Van Aulen  
Enk Vancleef  
Jamie Vickrey  
Ricardo Viera







Alexa Vilanueva  
Heather Vondrasek  
Joseph Voyer III  
Dustin Vrska  
Miraji Wade  
Finn Walker  
Amanda Walkworth  
Valerie Warner

Leanne Waters Jr.  
April Watson  
Sarah Watson  
Jessica Wayte  
Lisa Webster  
Michael Wehner  
Matthew Welch  
Nathan White

Matthew Whitver  
Rebecca Widing  
Mereditth Wilburn  
Martique Wilkins  
Elleek Williams  
Jeffrey Williams  
Katie Wincinger  
Joshua Wisby

Mark Wiseman  
Jamie Wolfe  
Amy Wright  
Joshua Wright  
Charles Yermack  
Chad York  
Natalie Yudit  
Tracy Zaganas

Liliane Zenci  
Jolena Zervos

2000

**Eillen Craighead**

"The most dangerous thing I have done is go white water rafting. I was thrown out of the raft and sent through therapy myself."



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Photograph by Katherine Gerns

2000

**Shamiah Carol**

"I went on The Great Drop because my best friend made me and I almost died of a heart attack."



What is the most dangerous thing you have done? Why?

2000

**Stephanie Kimakis**

"I was going to D.C. and I was driving through the mountains, there was no rail, a semi came flying around and nearly knocked the car off."



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?

Photograph by Katherine Gerns

2000

**Jason Ritter**

"Going down Niagara Falls in a barrel. I got a huge wedg."





With a smile,  
Diane Zenci  
receives applause  
from the crowd.  
Zenci was named  
Junior Miss.

As Hollie  
Hufstetler faces  
the crowd,  
Crystal Greenwell  
gives her  
an introduction.



Photograph Mark J. Karmel



Photograph Mark J. Karmel

Contestants  
compete in  
the poise  
competition.  
During this phase  
the contestants  
were escorted by  
fellow peers.



Photograph Mark J. Karmel

## Junior Girls give thier all in competition for scholarships and awards.

It all starts with dedicated girls who want to show their talents, and ends with tough decisions that narrow the relatively small group down to only a few.

The journey to the competition begins in May when a photo is taken of each girl who plans to participate. The girls move on to the competition after they spend three weeks preparing. Throughout the three nights the girls compete in different areas to determine the finalists.

Areas of competition include individual talent performance, group performances, formal

presentation, an interview poise competition and physical fitness. Awards were given in each area.

As the judges critique each area of competition, they look for certain qualities which are expected in the winner. "The campaign is morality, integrity, honesty, respect, hope, and love," senior Andrea Skafish said.

Each girl has her own memory of the three weeks spent preparing for the competition. "Junior Miss is an awesome experience," junior Rachel Vallejo said. "It's something every junior girl should do."

To add to the excitement of the competition, theater director, Mr. Stevens, was honored for his relentless work in the theater department and the junior miss program. In praise to Stevens, the theme of this year's competition was Elvis Presley, Stevens' favorite musician.

Emotions ran rapid as the girls spent three grueling days in competition. "The best thing about it was that everyone shared the same feeling - nervousness," said Vallejo.

At the end of the competition, Diane Zenci was crowned with the title of Portage's junior miss of 1999. First runner-up in the pageant was Julie Lockmeyer.

Written Nicholas Christian  
and Alyson Merkner

Designed Alyson Merkner



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Photograph Mark J. Karmel

Before the start of the pageant, Mr. Stevens and the contestants go over positions. This years program was dedicated to Mr. Stevens.

Under the lights, the Junior Miss Contestants compete in the Physical Fitness portion of the evening. This segment took place on the second day of the pageant.

# 2001

**B**efore a regular Track practice, sophomore Kristen Selund ties one of her running shoes. This is Selund's first year trying out for the Track team.



**I**n the cafeteria, sophomores Collin Highlands and Brandon Arnold grab some spaghetti and garlic bread at this year's Cheerleader's Spaghetti dinner.



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Nicole Abbott  
Erin Ables  
Melinda Ackley  
Laryn Adair  
Chad Adams  
Susan Amutis  
Thomas Alderson  
James Alexander

Steven Allen  
Difanee Alumbaugh  
Benjamin Anthony  
Kathleen Appleman  
Amanda Armenta  
Kelly Armour  
Matthew Arndt  
Brandon Arnold

Stephen Arvidson  
Matthew Ashford  
Amanda Autrey  
Christina Bailey  
Heather Bailey  
Timothy Bailey  
Cynthia Baker  
Richard Barajas

Annette Bartok  
Brian Beach  
Monica Bedrova  
Jerry Beeson  
Connie Behling  
Breanna Belke  
Lauren Benson  
Jeffery Bertelsen





Jessica Berquist  
Jennifer Miller  
Kara Flanchart  
Katie Booka  
Marie Boiler  
Tara Borden  
Michael Boyle  
Anthony Bradshaw

Hokanne Bravo  
Beth Brittan  
Kari Brown  
Michael Brown  
Robert Brown  
Heather Buhning  
Christopher Burch  
Laura Burch

Holly Burgess  
Jennifer Caldwell  
Jonathan Caldwell  
Laura Carpenter  
Dante Carter  
Robert Carter  
Maureen Casey  
Jessica Castelli

Matthew Catell  
Kellee Chalfant  
Brittany Chamberlin  
Robert Charbonneau  
Christina Chase  
Nicholas Christian  
Stephanie Christopher  
Gregory Cieselski

Stephanie Cieselski  
Akeem Clark  
Sandra Clark  
Brandon Clough  
Randall Clouse  
Jillian Cloyd  
Jacob Cohen  
Came Coleman

Brandon Collins  
Ivan Colon  
Francisco Comejo  
Daniel Costa  
Christal Couture  
Cory Covelli  
Matthew Crawford  
Grant Cuzner

Kristen Crouch  
Bura Crowley  
Stacie Fulp  
Jacob Cunningham  
Jeffrey Cund  
Stephanie Curran  
Rick Daniels  
Amber Darnell

Eric Davies  
Erin Davies  
Natalie Davis  
Jaclyn De Bore  
Jonathan Defauw  
Jessica Delgado  
William Delph  
Gilberto Delreal

Jaglyn Devnes  
Michael Diamond  
Benjamin Dilts  
Lauren Dimitt  
Brian Dixon  
Cassandra Dixon  
Andrey Dominguez  
Lanette Dougherty



Lucas O'Leary  
Wendy Easwood  
Michelle Eaton  
Sara Esley  
Amanda Flynn  
Heather Wilkins  
Julia Williams  
Elizabeth Enrica

Thomas Erickson  
Oyku Esen  
Robert Espinoza  
Melissa Evanatz  
Lynn Ewen  
Melissa Fabian  
James Fauley  
Julie Fancher

Nathan Farley  
Angel Farn  
Adam Feigl  
Steven Fejes  
Shilah Fields  
Kenneth Fink  
Racheal Fisher  
Corey Fitzgerald

Alan Fitzgerald  
Aaron Flores  
Justin Follow  
Mette Fontanez  
Jasmin Fontanez  
Justin Foster  
Blake Foycock  
Gerald Fritz

Joshua Gamble  
Amy Gameski  
Aaron Garza  
Michelle Gass  
Jonathan Gentry Jr  
Frances Gibson  
David Gilbert  
Robert Gray

Sandi Greiner  
Philip Guerre  
Eric Gulley  
Jillynn Guth  
Camey Gutierrez  
Steven Hale  
Sarah Halfman  
Ruth Hall



I was showing  
my friend  
Tiffany my bra  
at a dance and  
a guy saw  
everything! I  
was so  
embarrassed!



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

Victoria Perez

Melissa Lopez



Photograph by Marcus Ramirez

I was caught  
picking my  
nose in front  
of everyone. I  
guess that is  
pretty  
embarrassing.

I jumped in to  
a swimming pool  
completely  
naked. It just  
so happened  
that some  
people saw me.



Daniel Costa

What  
have you  
been caught  
doing?



Breanna Beike

I was talking  
on the phone. We  
were laughing  
when I  
accidentally  
farted!



People who  
don't shut up!  
It's so  
annoying!



Photograph by Angela Magana

Weten Phugh

Adam Mowling



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

People who  
think that  
they know  
everything.  
They are so  
annoying!

My two pet  
peevs are  
nuclear war,  
carnies, and  
nomads, yah  
know. They  
smell like  
cabbage.



Photograph by Marcus Rainwater

Melissa Misner

Lauren Benson



Photograph by Kimberle Gaben

My biggest  
pet peevs  
people who lie.  
That makes  
me so mad!



Jeffrey Hall  
Justin Hampton  
Lauren Hansen  
Kristopher Handaway  
Kimberly Harden  
Joseph Hargarten  
Christopher Harming  
Matthew Harris

Tiffany Harris  
Amanda Hart  
Derek Harvey  
Fiana Hasselgren  
Diana Hatchett  
James Hazzard  
Heather Henderson  
Paul Henderson

Michelle Henk  
Dennis Herndon  
Tonya Herndia  
Martin Hernandez  
Michelle Hicks  
Adam Huggins  
Gelin Highlands  
Patrick Highlands

Anthony Holeman  
Joseph Hood  
Timothy Howard  
Mlin Hughes  
Jenna Hughes  
Tiffany Huhnke  
Brad Hulsek  
Kristen Hutchins

Uma Hutman  
Santo Ibrahim  
Jamie Irvin  
Andranna Ivanovic  
Christopher Iwan  
Sadia Javed  
Manna Jordan  
Maureen Jordan

Patrick Jordan  
Tabitha Joselyn  
Carolyn Jozwak  
Joshua Juhasz  
Kyle Jenkins  
Jennifer Jern  
Jacqueline Johnson  
Luka Johnson

Katrina Jansen  
 Eric Jorini  
 Bradley Jorini  
 Jessica Jorini  
 Kevin Jorini  
 Jennifer Kaminicki  
 Christopher Kanich  
 Candice Keaton

Ortine Keeling  
 Roxane Kees  
 Steven Kellman  
 Sandra Kennedy  
 Jade Kinsey  
 Michelle Kinnoli  
 Emilee Kirk  
 Katrina Kirk

Crystal Knola  
 Scott Knutsen  
 Matthew Konopasek  
 Kam Kopko  
 Mark Korba  
 Adam Kowalczyk  
 Danielle Kowalczyk  
 Aaron Kowalski

Janice Krajewska  
 Keith Kreischer  
 Sara Krejci  
 Stephanie Kuehl  
 Stephanie Labrie  
 Juliana Lach  
 Lindsey Langston  
 Crystal Lesmer

Kristen Leon  
 Nicole Leon  
 Amy Lesko  
 Jamie Lewis  
 Jason Lewis  
 Stephen Lewis  
 Stephen Leyden  
 Cheryl Lightfoot

Justin Lindsey  
 Dolores Lira  
 Danielle Little  
 Amy Lochmondy  
 Stephanie Lofland  
 Margaret Lomax  
 Ian Low  
 Jennifer Luther



I wouldn't  
 swim a mile in  
 dogpoop!



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Robert Holtsman

Jeffrey Veach



Photograph by: Katherine Garrix

I wouldn't go  
 shrimp.

I wouldn't  
 jump out of an  
 airplane  
 without a  
 parachute.



Caryn Adair

What  
 wouldn't  
 you do for  
 \$1,000,000



Gregory Ciesielski

Janet Reno.

My favorite  
p.j.'s would  
have to be my  
Old Navy  
sweatpants  
and T-shirt.



Stephanie Labno

Adam Higley



My favorite  
pajamas are  
my Duke's of  
Hazzard  
jammies.

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I only sleep in  
boxers.  
Nothing else,  
because I like  
to be  
comfortable.



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I wear a shirt  
from 1983  
and no shorts  
because they  
give me  
wedgies.



David Klimczyk

Rebecca Rodriguez

# What your fav. p.j.'s



Angela Magana  
Andrea Mak  
Amber Malenky  
Cassie Mann  
Justin Marcolini  
Jame Marsh  
Crystal Massom  
Beau Mason

Shawn Masterson  
Jan Mathers  
Joann Matthew  
Melissa Mattingly  
Lisa May  
Nicholas Maynik  
Melissa Mc Gregor  
Joshua McCluskey

Albert McCorkle  
Nicole McCoy  
Jamie McCune  
Hunter McKee  
Jason McKinney  
Enca Mendez  
Jennifer Mesich  
Jeffery Metz

Belinda Meyers  
Joseph Michnik  
Amber Miller  
Brandi Minor  
Patricia Mischke  
Melissa Misher  
Michael Moon  
Paul Moore

Shannon Moore  
Adam Moreno  
Jason Morris  
Melissa Morris  
Aaron Movre  
Cassandra Mowbray  
Nina Muhammad  
Phillip Mulroe

Debra Munoz  
Michael Myers  
Jillian Nestler  
Eric Newbold  
Christopher Newton  
Jessica Nicholson  
Lauren Niemcewicz  
Justin Nolan

My friend and I  
got all  
dressed up  
just to go to  
the movies to  
go find some  
guys.



Photograph by: KATHLEEN CLARIS

Brooke Wozniak

Sandy Kennedy



I saw the best  
guy and I  
wanted him to  
notice me, so I  
pretended to  
trip into him.

I wore a mistle  
toe during the  
holidays. You  
know what  
that's for!



Heather Eikins

What  
have you  
done to get  
their look

Michael Pickart



I tried to do a  
flip off the  
bleachers to get  
the attention of  
some  
cheerleaders.  
Let's just say it  
didn't work!

Manxy Noll  
Angela Nowaczyk  
Jolissa Nugent  
Crystal Nunez  
Kevin Nush  
Wesley O'Dell  
Kelly O'Neal  
Kevin O'Quinn

Joseph Orbe  
Katherine Osiala  
Holly Owen  
Jesse Padilla Jr.  
Charles Paul III  
Crystal Palmateer  
Holly Panagoulis  
Angelo Papachronis

Jacob Parker  
Gannon Parker  
Brandon Parks  
Christine Parks  
Nicole Parnell  
Honey Paul  
Jeremy Pedone  
Angela Peete

Nicole Pennington  
Victoria Perez  
Edward Persin Jr.  
Melody Petersen  
Justin Phillips  
Dawn Piazza  
Michael Pickart  
Nicole Piechra

Dieter Pitteran  
Mary Pope  
Abby Porter  
Reggie Porter  
Dustin Potter  
Jessica Potts  
Jason Prashchak  
Jannine Price

Gina Pritchett  
Justin Prugh  
Kenneth Puente  
Marcus Rainwater  
Matthew Raman  
Tiffany Ramirez  
Nathaniel Randolph  
Michelle Raupach







Yancy Kest  
Alicia Kest  
William Rappel IV  
Matthew Rippstein  
Shyann Rodick  
Nathan Rodick  
Bryan Robinson  
Nicole Robinson

Daniel Rodriguez  
Francisco Rodriguez  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Vanessa Rodriguez  
Adam Rogers  
Jerry Rogers  
Adam Roman  
Crystal Rossas

Edward Rosebush  
John Rosebush  
Shannon Ruse  
Karen Russell  
Ashley Safstrom  
Christine Sanchez  
Jeannette Sanchez  
Lauren Sandor

Daniel Santana  
Nancy Santia  
Brian Samowski  
Brandi Satka  
Crystal Satter  
Matthew Schauer  
John Schick Jr  
Aaron Schmitt

Justin Schultz  
Amber Schumacher  
Chad Schweitzer  
Tyler Schweitzer  
Brayden Scott  
Christopher Scott  
Jeffrey Scott  
Kristen Selund

Matthew Semerle  
Joseph Setnor  
Curt Shaffer  
Jennifer Sharp  
Erin Sheehan  
Stephanie Shepherd  
Angela Shields  
Allison Shoppa

It was in the  
girl's backyard  
on her swing  
set.



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Mitchell Sims

Monica Tatela

Where  
was your  
first kiss?



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My first kiss  
was in the 1st  
grade. We  
went into one  
of those  
playground  
tunnels and  
kissed.

It was during  
naptime in  
kindergarten. I  
lurked over and  
kissed her.  
She woke up  
and kissed me  
back.



Photograph by Jennifer Vargas

Rodney Revels

Jeanette Sanchez



Photograph by Tiffany Ramirez

The special  
moment was  
at the county  
fair. We were  
on the ferris  
wheel at the  
top and  
kissed.



Kristina Smedley  
Benjamin Simon  
Mitchell Jamin  
Steven Sepich  
Carolyn Slankowski  
Brock Slowik  
Jessica Smedley  
Colin Smith

Hadi Smith  
Kevin Smith  
Kendra Smith  
Robert Smith Jr.  
Pamela Snoder  
Patricia Snoder  
Stephanie Sonaty  
Rebecca Spicer

Amber Sprague  
Bridget Spurgeon  
Colleen Stanish  
Anne Steeley  
Austin Stoner  
Keith Sulzer  
Jamie Sutton  
Scott Swanson

Henna Sweeney  
Enn Sweeney  
Kristen Szabo  
Ashely Szybala  
Jeffery Szybala  
Forest Terry  
Brandie Thiel  
TJ Thomas

William Thomas  
Arlinn Tibbets  
Veronica Tilley  
Douglas Tomes  
Michael Torchia  
Hilda Torres  
Rachel Torres  
Dolores Townson

Dennis Trafney  
Jennifer Travis  
Tiffany Tucker  
Christen Tuttle  
Mitchell Vance  
Jennifer Vargas  
Jeffery Veach Jr.  
Robert Vega



I ran outside  
halfnaked and  
jumped in the  
snow bank  
during the  
storm and  
made a snow  
angel.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

Me and Ben  
were dared to  
spit into each  
other's  
mouths.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

Halloween

What  
did you do  
on a dare

Richard Barajas

Juanita Bermios



Photograph by Katherine Garris

I had to lick  
some  
toothpaste  
from between  
my toes.



Photograph by Katherine Garris

I had to go to  
this person's  
house in  
nothing but a  
towel and ask  
for some  
shampoo!

Veronica Tilley

# All I need to know in life, I learned from Sophomores

1. When you need a confidence boost, you can push around the freshman.
2. Take gym no dresses seriously, unless you want an F in the class.
3. Unless you're a starter, don't mess with the senior football players.

4. The only way to get through life is to PARTY!!
5. If you want to get out of high school, pass your ISTEP the first time.. or your second... or your third.
6. Step ladders should be required for lockers.
7. Get to know more of the upper classmen. (It helps!)
8. You're stuck in the middle of "upper" and "lower" classmen.
9. You don't have to sneak over to the big building for lunch anymore.
10. When you're barely passing a class, try REAL hard to pass the final



Kyle Villa  
Luis Villanueva  
Allen Vint  
Anthony Votteri  
Mary Walczak  
Shree VonTaa Walker  
Bernadette Walsh  
Michael Wampler

Teresa Wargo  
Melissa Wedenar  
Christopher Wells  
Erin Wendt  
Stephanie White  
John Wilburn  
Donald Wilson  
Scott Wolozanski

Nolan Worley  
Brooke Wozniak  
Derrick Wright  
Ryan Wright  
Dawn Zimmerman  
Michael Ziulkowski II  
Michael Zonder  
Lucas Zonck



At the top of the stairs, sophomores, Douglae Tomes, Richard Barajas, and Michael Ziulkowski laugh at a joke.



In the rain, sophomores cheer on the football team. It was during a homecoming football game.

**A**t the sign-in table juniors Kevin Luellman and Ilsa Conover show their students ID's before entering the prom. Students had to present the ID and their tickets before they were allowed to enter the prom..

**O**n senior Donald Lunbeck's shoulders, senior Kevin McGuffey makes his way to the center stage for prom court for the crowning of the king and queen. Each nominee arrived to center floor for the crowning in their own unique way.



**P**rom prince Aaron Priest and princess Denisa Hobgood a dance after being crowned. Before being crowned prince, Priest read through the booklets full of memories that were set on each table.



Say



junior Carrie Rake

“Prom was a blast, we all had so much fun. It was the highlight of my junior year and now I can't wait for my senior prom.”

Prom was a blast. The food and entertainment were great, the music was entertaining and my date was terrific. I was also on the prom committee and enjoyed planning prom.



junior Bethany Kane

”What?

Spring Break is awaited and planned for the entire year. It's time to hit the beaches and hang out with friends...It's Spring Break.

After what seems like a long car ride (or limousine for the lucky ones), the Expo Center appears. Finally, prom is about to begin. Within a few steps inside the door, music and voices are audible. It is just the beginning to a wonderful night that goes by too quickly.

Every year a lot of work goes into deciding upon a theme for prom and decorations too coordinate with it. "I was on the prom committee and enjoyed planning prom. I hope that next year more people get involved and prom will be even better," junior Bethany Kanesaid. This

year's theme was "Lost in Paradise", with streamers and balloons the color of sunset, filling the Expo Center.

Many students decided to bring their own cameras to prom to snap poses and candid of their friends throughout the night. Catching pictures of breakdancing, dinner, and everyone having fun. One event that students were sure to catch was the crowning of the prom court.

The dance floor was cleared as the names of the nominees for king, queen, prince, and princess were called. Each

nominee had their own way of making it to the front of the room, ranging from dancing to being carried on someone's shoulders. After the court was crowned, the traditional dance between the king and queen occurred. By this time, prom was nearly over.

Despite the blistered feet and uncomfortable clothing prom was definitely a night to remember, that went by faster than most people wanted it to.

"We had a blast! It was great to spend the night dancing and laughing with our friends," junior Scott Riley said.

### Written Jennifer Kaiser

### Designed Jennifer Kaiser



In front of their ride to prom seniors Rich Ayala and Brandi Arcuri, junior Matthew Andryuk, freshman Jessica Vega, junior Kristen King and seniors Jacob Lopez, Elizabeth Munoz and Mikey Garcia prepare to leave for prom. Many groups of friends pitched in money to rent a limousine to ride to prom in style.



About to remove his dates garter belt during the garter ceremony, junior Scott Riley celebrates a prom tradition with Elizabeth Boznak from Wheeler. Prom goes brought students from other schools, or alumni as dates.



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In one of the gym classes, freshman Mario Lopez gets ready to serve the ball. Freshmen gym classes require them to play pickle ball.



Photograph Marcus Rainwater

At a swim meet, freshman Nicole Keith focuses on her dive. The divers prepare by finding a focal point and concentrating on it before they dive.



Photograph Katherine Curtis

Kyle Addison  
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Jody Beckham Jr.  
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Brianna Braun  
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Kam Brown  
Monya Brubaker

Nathan Bryan  
Scott Buhman  
Clemis Burton  
Jeffrey Burton  
George Byersad  
Jonathan Cain  
Elizabeth Caldwell  
David Callahan

Kathleen Campbell  
Ryan Campbell  
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Christina Cantrell  
Doreen Carr  
Monique Carr  
Ramantha Carr  
Patricia Carroll

Daniel Carter  
Crystal Cavanaugh  
Randall Cavender  
Jacquyn Chagoya  
Yvonne Chapman  
Tracy Chapman  
Kelsey Chasko  
Sueung Chheng

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I couldn't live  
without guys

Freshman Tiana Tisdale



Photomontage by Amanda Vargo



Freshman Ryan Jenkins

Women and baseball

I can't live without  
Jelly Beans and the  
band Weezer

Freshman JB Vargo



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Freshman Brady

Parties and girls

hat's something  
that you can't live  
without

Elizabeth Cline  
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Stephanie Cline  
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Steven Cline  
Kerith Clark  
Stephanie Cline  
Celine Cline

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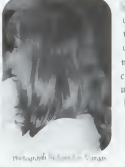
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What is the stupidest thing you've done

One time I went to a snack game and I moved the car next to us. I didn't think much of it until I saw them at the game.



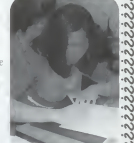
I was falling asleep at school and I fell out of my chair.

Freshmen Nicholas Cline

I snuck off property at camp to see a radio tower with friends, and we got caught by a grizzled old war veteran who said if he caught us again he'd run us down with his truck.



Freshmen Thomas Christick



I went to get out of my cousin's car and I dented the brand new car next to us setting their alarm off.

Freshmen Christina Vega

# You know your a freshmen if....

- 1) You didn't know you had a top shelf to your locker.
- 2) You bought a swimming pool pass.
- 3) Your parents just lean out the front door and yell your name when they want you.
- 4) You care about your curfew.
- 5) You got your homecoming date from middle school.
- 6) Your backpack weighs more than you.
- 7) You like school lunch.
- 8) You think Kool-aid and adult supervision make a great party.



Kenneth Davis  
 Michael Lydon  
 David Dominguez  
 Daniel Timmer  
 Shagun Dholakia  
 Francis Droniak  
 James Gutzik  
 Heather Allen

Christopher Dunker  
 Kristi Eckelbarger  
 Craig Edmonds  
 Dean Efantis  
 Sierra Engenderfer  
 James Elkins  
 Eihannon Ellenson  
 Christopher Erickson

Russell Enckson  
 Michael Eniks  
 Melissa Evans  
 Justin Ewing  
 Christopher Fabian  
 Jennifer Fadely  
 Sierra Fazzelas  
 Adam Ferguson

Hannah Fink  
 Nicole Flannery  
 Stephanie Floyd  
 Nikyla Fluck  
 Sarah Fluck  
 Daniel Ford  
 Kylan Foreman  
 Michael Forsgas

John Foman  
 Craig Foster  
 Dennis Foster  
 Ricky Frasure Jr.  
 Chad Fredrickse  
 James French  
 Kelly Fulkerson  
 Samantha Funke

Natausha Gallon  
 Juan Garcia  
 Ryan Garcia  
 Brent Gardner  
 Candace Gardner  
 James Gardner  
 John Gardner  
 Lowell Gambaldi

**T**he class of 2002 cheer and scream as their class presidents perform their skit during the pep rally for fall homecoming.



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Kara Gibson  
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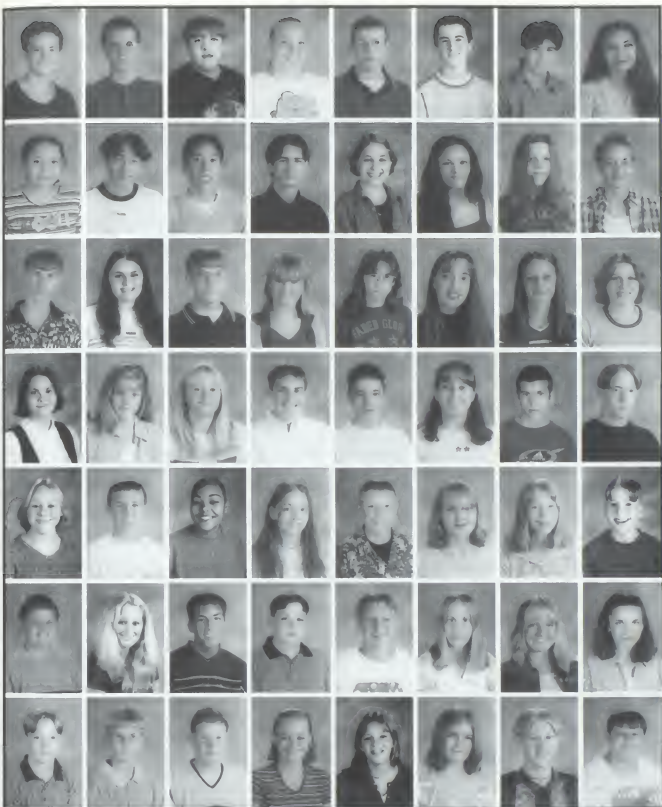
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Kurt Halfman Jr.  
Christopher Hall  
Ryan Hall  
Ryan Hall  
Melissa Hamilton  
Sara Hammond  
Robbie Haner

Natalie Handison  
Lümmchen Hargarten  
Jonathan Hams  
Justin Harrison  
Brandy Hart  
Adam Harting  
Alex Harting  
Sean Hassett







Daniel Baboy  
Robert Rawkins  
Dane Hodges  
Samantha Hodges  
Steven Helling  
Ryan Henry  
Kerry Hernandez  
Rosalia Hernandez

Stephanie Hernandez  
Luis Herrera  
Brandon John Hill  
Michael Hobbs  
Laura Hodges  
Tasha Hogue  
Kelly Holbrook  
Christopher Homans

Rex Hood  
Sabina Homak  
Michael Hostetler  
Margaret Hostetler  
Diana Hounshell  
Amanda Hintz  
Hede Hulick  
Amber Hulse

Christine Hunt  
Emily Hursey  
Kelly Hutchins  
Esteren Hutchins  
Mark Hutmacher  
Christina Hyde  
Mark Jankus  
Patrick Jenkins

Ashley Jeremiah  
John Johnson  
Kelly Johnson  
Christy Johnson  
Jeffrey Jones  
Kody Jones  
Vanessa Jonkmann  
Brandon Jordan

Michael Jurgensen  
Laura Kalch  
James Kalman  
Robert Kamel  
Kristofer Karagory  
Christina Karate  
Nicole Keith  
Melissa Kelley

Patrick Kennedy  
Kyle Ketchum  
Justin Kinder  
Jessica Kirk  
Evin Kleckner  
Julie Knight  
Jason Komenda  
Anthony Michael Kometz

**B**efore Marching Band begins, Freshman Deborah Roberts draws to pass time. Marching Band begins in the summer to prepare for their long season.

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Emily Kussick  
 Tara Mott  
 Nathan Krenke  
 Bryan Knei  
 Richard Kneig  
 Stephanie Krostag  
 Curtis Ksenak  
 Michael Jankford



Sarah Larkin  
 Aaron Lasky  
 Mingeaux Lawson  
 Ashley Lee  
 Randi Eggert  
 Carly Lenson  
 Isha Leon  
 Mathew Leonard



Katie Lerch  
 Bryan Leval  
 Angela Lewandowski  
 Stephanie Lewandowski  
 Amanda Lewis  
 Dyanne Lilly  
 Sara Lindsay  
 Katie Lindstrom



David Lindson  
 Amanda Little  
 Allison Lowe  
 Michael Lukacovic  
 Shelby Luna  
 Michelle Lute  
 Corey Mace  
 Alina MacMillan



Richard Maddox  
 Sara Malt  
 Kristina Manning  
 Ronald Mardo  
 Danielle Marquez  
 Holly Martin  
 Melissa Matec  
 Brittan Matthews



Charlie Mathewson  
 Richard Matney  
 Jennifer May  
 Alison Mayfield  
 Katherine Mc Murry  
 Jennifer McClelland  
 Lisa McNeley  
 Andrew Mcker



Nicholas Merknier  
 Alison Middleborn  
 Christina Mihalik  
 Michelle Mihalik  
 Andrew Mills  
 Charles Mitchell  
 Elizabeth Monnier  
 Stacy Monnier



On the floor, freshmen  
 Crystal Cavanaugh,  
 Russ Nemenko, and  
 Kelly Fulkerson study  
 during resource hour.  
 Most students enjoy  
 having resource hour as  
 a study hall.



Photograph Katherine Gantz

# hat is your favorite saying

To legit to quit.

Freshman Daniel Johnson



Freshman Daniel Johnson

Sometimes our greatest  
weaknesses are our  
greatest strengths.

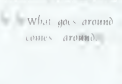
Freshman Christopher Langer



Freshman Christopher Langer

What goes around  
comes around.

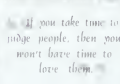
Freshman Amanda Burton



Freshman Amanda Burton

If you take time to  
judge people, then you  
won't have time to  
love them.

Freshman / Art Student / Freshman



Freshman / Art Student / Freshman



Katherine Mendi  
Melanie Menden  
Hansel Menden Jr.  
Nichole Menden  
Hogan Mendi  
Frank Miller  
Ken Miller  
Nemat Mirgha

Jason Mikkelsen  
Megan Mulvihill  
Joseph Mullin Jr.  
Alex Mulvihill  
Daniel Murphy  
Brian Nagler  
Allan Nagy  
Russ Natale

Russell Naumenik  
Heather Nelson  
Heather Nelson  
Karl Nelson  
Mandy Nelson  
Frank Nimeth  
Luke Nixon  
Jaime Nolan

Clad Norms  
Jennifer Novetto  
Nicole O'Connor  
Anna Ogden  
Stephanie Olson  
Mark Oresik Jr.  
Lindsay Orouke  
Calvin Ortiz

Michael Otto  
Jana Owen  
Jameson Owens  
Mark Packwood  
Jonathan Palmer  
Sali Palmer  
Charles Pancei  
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Christopher Papachronis  
Kylene Parobek  
Adam Paskevich  
Jessica Patten  
David Peck  
Jessica Perez  
Anna Perry  
David Persen

Cecilia Inglin  
Bradley Jaskolski  
Kaitlyn Kasper  
Jeanette Kisk  
Bakley Plummer  
Kevin Pokorny  
Shawn Polewski  
Jennica Pomales

Sarah Portolan  
Crystal Potts  
Justin Powell  
Lafando Powell  
Dianne Powern  
Theresa Price  
Bradly Proper  
Daniel Pugh

Donald Pugh Jr.  
Christopher Puskac  
Christopher Ragon  
Jerrett Ragon  
Kirstal Ragon  
Nicole Ragon  
Nicole Rains  
Jennifer Rak

Billy Jean Ramirez  
Kendra Randler  
Meagan Rappatta  
Kayla Rawdon  
Daniel Resen  
Melissa Rhein  
Sandra Rhodes  
Katie Richards

Robert Richmond  
Tiffany Ragon  
Mark Riley  
Nicole Ring  
Alicia Risner  
Jennifer Risner  
Adam Ritter  
Eric Rivera

Anthony Robt  
Deborah Roberts  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Michael Rodriguez  
Alicia Roman  
Enn Rooney  
Mandi Ros  
Nyan Rosenberger



What do you look for in a guy/girl?

What they dress nice and treat you good.

Freshman Samantha Williams

What they have to be funny, smart, athletic, obedient and good-looking.

Freshman Tashelle Tula

Obedience, money, and submissiveness.

Freshman Tashelle Tula

Preferably a nice body, a positive personality and cute smile are a must.

Freshman Jeffrey Mendi



Photograph Jennifer Vargas

**A**t cheerleading practice freshmen Kellie Smith and Christina Vega help lift Jessica Colburn as she pulls a scorpion

**I**n front of the mirror, freshmen Jillian Wallace and Angela Sabosik prepare to go to the dance after a varsity football game.



Photograph Katherine Garza



Ashley Kozlowski  
Christina Kosperski  
Tijana Royal  
James Rush  
Patrick Rzepka  
Angela Sabosik  
Carlos Sanchez  
Eric Sanders

Melissa Santiago  
Amanda Satter  
Jennifer Sawinger  
Bryan Scheub  
Cheryl Schmeski  
Aaron Schmitt  
David Shuck  
Adam Schumacher

Amber Showmaker  
Leah Selby  
Nicole Serratto  
Lorelei Shannon  
Jake Shear  
Jesse Shelby  
Samantha Shepard  
Joshua Shernick

Joseph Shiller  
Kristin Siminski  
Elizabeth Simkin  
Ronnie Siman  
Marcia Smedley  
Valerie Smeltzer  
Amanda Smith  
Vivian Smith



Kelly (Cassidy)  
Kelly Foster  
William (Bou)  
Kassika Schiringer  
Brandon (Sims)  
Theresa (Sims)  
Ethan (Sims)  
Dylan (Sims)

Alendra (Sims)  
Dana (Sims)  
Barbara (Sims)  
Hany (Sims)  
Shana (Sims)  
Bridget (Sims)  
Mary (Sims)  
Brian (Sims)

Michael Supp  
Jeffery Surr  
Marcus Swanson  
Randell Szostek  
Gregory (Sims)  
Douglas Tallant  
Darius Taylor  
Matthew Taylor

Jonathan Thomas  
Shirley Thomas  
Frank (Thurber)  
Holly Tomak  
Matthew Townsley  
Jana Trachtenberg  
David Trafry  
Michael Trapper

Rachel Trathen  
Becky Trembo  
Daniel Trepanier  
Giberto Trevis  
Eddie Tugunan  
Cassie Tule  
Tara Tuttle  
Casey Tuzinski

Jonathan (Udick)  
Rebecca Upchurch  
Michael Urbanik  
Joseph Urlick  
Brad Vah  
Jennifer Vaccellano  
Sarah Vance  
Jessica Vanderant

Matthew Vanderploeg  
Carla Vargas  
Matthew Vaughan  
Christina Vilga  
Jessica Vega  
Mashonda Venable  
Patricia Volk  
Shrecca Walker



After school, freshmen Steven Cimbaljevich and Matthew Vaughan talk at their lockers. Some students have time to spare before their after school activities begin.



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Photograph Jennifer Vargas

In the weight room Freshman James Rush prepares for this football season by working out.

In her Health class freshman Nina Krass demonstrates the correct way on how to give CPR.



Photograph Marcus Rainwater



Oliver Walker  
Jonathan Peabody  
Allison Williams  
Paul Watson  
Christopher Watt  
Aryn Wells  
Wesley Wagner  
Nicholas Weisner

Emantha Wickham  
Elizabeth Wiles  
Christopher West  
Kasey Whalen  
Andrew Wheeler  
Brooks Wheeler  
Luther Whitmer  
Gory Whitten

Julien Watrowski  
Isomine Wilkoff  
Seyan Wilkins  
Johnny Williams  
Stephanie Williams  
William Wreman  
Nicole Wee  
Judson Wood

Melissa Wright  
David Wring  
Jill Yisling  
Richard Zinkewicz  
Donald Zygowicz

From the lecture back to her row and chair, senior Deanna Zych wraps up the graduating class of 1999. Zych was the final graduate of this millenium.

The senior class walks onto the football field and awaits to be seated. Graduation was held outside for the first time in five years.



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Outside on the field, senior Brandi Arcuri receives her diploma from the superintendant Dr. McKay.



Photography by: Mark Karmel

**Twelve years of school, four years of high school, one senior year, all for that one special sheet of paper.**

Even though the sky was a menacing purple and the threat of rain loomed, Portage High School celebrated the graduation of the class of 1999 with style. Principal Mr. Richard Kirchner's decision to have the first outside graduation in five years was courageous considering the vast number of family and friends in attendance. Fate or luck smiled on the graduates that night, as the rain never came. Valdictorian Brian Balta, Salutatorian Cassandra Mateo, and Senior Class President Daniel Tones all offered their own unique

perspective on what graduation meant to them. Brian reminisced about his years in the Portage Township Schools, also adding quips regarding Star Wars: The Phantom Menace and the need for it to break the box office record of a certain sinking ship. Cassie and Dan both talked about the future potential and offered their best wishes to their fellow classmates. Brian's sarcastic wit, teamed with Cassie's sentimental remembrances, and Dan's words of wisdom created a night to remember for all in attendance. The students had

mixed emotions, but overall most were thrilled to be receiving their diplomas from Mr. Kirchner, Vice-Principal Jerry Lasky, and Assistant Superintendent Terry Levenda, and leaving the place they have called home for the past four years. However, the students' response paled in comparison to their parent's whistles, shouts and cheers of joy from the crowd, as their hearts swelled with pride for their children. As friends shared their last few moments of high school together, all reflected on the one thing that changed their life forever- the high school years.

Written Stacie Culp

Designed Elizabeth Batista



In the auditorium, senior Patrick Wilkins sits with his fellow graduates as they listen to a pre-graduation speech given by Mr. Kirchner. This speech told students what was expected of them during their last moments of high school.

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With time to spare seniors Joe Gomez, Richard Rodriguez, Joseph Tanin, and Bryan Buckroff take a moment to laugh and reflect on memories and accomplishments made individually and together. All four of them were in the JROTC program all through their high school career.

As the graduates listen to their fellow classmates and speakers, the excitement rises as graduates wait with anticipation for the moment to hear their name called and for the chance to walk up to the lecturn to receive their diploma.

# staff

At the cheerleaders spaghetti dinner, Major Johnston, Mr. Hale, Mr. Fortini, and Mr. Fischer eat together. Many faculty members attended student sponsored events throughout the year.



Bonnie Albert,  
Jennifer Allen,  
Marvin Allison,  
Ken Altizer,  
Reid Amoses,  
Robert Beigh,  
Barbara Blake,  
William Bodnar,  
Fran Booth,  
Carrie Brown,  
Ronald Buls,  
Patricia Burger,  
Larry Carlson,  
Leslee Cashmore,  
Joshua Cavan,  
Cheryl Clapp,  
Clara Clark,  
Jason Cope,  
Sandy Corso,  
Lynette Dean,  
Megan Donelli,  
James Douglas,  
James Downes,  
Elizabeth Duncan,  
Mary Ann Eckhart,  
Jill Erickson,  
Vicky Evans,  
Katie Ewoldt,  
Craig Fantin,  
Christian Fields,  
Mark Fischer,  
Russ Fortini,





Mark Francesconi,  
Sue Gallardo,  
Julie Goetz,  
John Goldschmidt,  
Melanie Gordon,  
Penny Gorge,  
Marvin Guernsey,  
Jerry Hale,

Ronald Hancock,  
Debra Heitmann,  
Sandra Herr,  
Linda Hicks,  
Katherine Hites,  
Jay Hodges,  
Lynne Huerta,  
Scott Hufford,

Kathleen Hull,  
Nicholas Huntley,  
Cathie Jacobs,  
John Johnston,  
James Jones,  
John Kappes,  
Mark Karmel,  
Ella Karris,

Christine Kern,  
Richard Kirchner,  
Les Klein,  
Dan Koishal,  
Geri Kotyuk,  
Kathy Kotyuk,  
Arlene Kramer,  
Judy Krueger,

Annette Kulmatycki,  
Jane Larson,  
Alicia Lasky,  
Jerry Lasky,  
Linda Lemond,  
Tom Levandoski,  
Shirley Lindquist,  
Mike Lipinski,

## Teachers fall "flat on their faces" from admitting some of their most embarrassing experiences.

Today more and more students are going to college to pursue a teaching career because some kids are majorly influenced by their teachers and are looking to give back to the generations to come.

Many teachers have different parts of the job that they enjoy. Some teachers like that they get over four and a half months off a year, some enjoy making influences in their student's life, or even giving a student a chance when no one else would. "I enjoy watching students 'teach' each other I also love the 'lightbulb' theory when I see that someone is understanding an idea, or concept," said English teacher Mary Lutz-Brown.

Teachers must have a great sense of humor, because they are in front of an audience of about 30 people, waiting for them to screw up so they can laugh

hysterically. "My most embarrassing moment was when I told my students one day to turn in their work 'shits', or the time when I was handing back papers, didn't see a huge backpack in the aisle, and fell flat on my face in front of my sophomore class. The poor student that owned the backpack belonged to my neighbor's son across the street," said Mrs. Lemond.

Mr. Fantin said he has not had many funny experiences in his short career, but he has had one that is sure to last a long time. "It was one of the first school days this year, when I got out of my car in the teacher's parking lot, Mr. Klein approached me and he started yelling at me for parking in the teacher's parking lot. I guess he thought I was a student."

Teachers also have something they want to "pound" into their students head for post highschool use and in the real world. What is the most important issue to teach a student? "How to conduct and survive in the 'real world' and through college," said Algebra teacher, Mr. Fantin.

Each teacher tries to teach their students something unique, something that they can take with them out of school. "I try to teach my students to learn how to learn and love learn. Then they can accomplish anything," said Mrs. Lemond.

In the end teachers are not as bad as many of the students think. They do care about their students, what they do, or what happens to them. Most teachers want their students to go out and make something of their lives. So contrary to what students may believe, teachers really do care about them.

Written Nicholas Christian

Designed Regina Gudinas



Laurea Luetzow, *English*  
 Mary Lute-Brown, *English*  
 Sara Lux, *Art*  
 Jan Lyman, *Music*  
 Donna MacArthur, *Business*  
 Jill Mangold, *Health*  
 Bonnie Manuel, *Art*  
 Kristin Marsh, *Music*

Carrie Martin, *English*  
 Shelly Martinez, *Spanish*  
 Barbara Mason, *Health*  
 Richard Mason, *Science*  
 David Mastey, *English*  
 Kay Matteson, *Music*  
 Robert Mattis, *Science*  
 Jennifer May, *Science*

Dan Merrill, *Health*  
 Terry Milner, *Art*  
 Jill Milteer, *Health*  
 Tom Milteer, *Health*  
 Agripina Monsivais, *Spanish*  
 Patrick Moody, *English*  
 Lisa Moser, *PA*  
 Marston Mundt, *PA*

Arlene Neill, *Health*  
 Martina Norton, *Business*  
 Linda Oldenburg, *Art*  
 Robert Parker, *Science*  
 Sheila Parker, *Science*  
 Lori Pavell, *Business*  
 Linda Peda, *Science*  
 Audra Peterson, *Spanish*

W Popplewell, *Chemistry*  
 Caren Prow, *Art*  
 Wendy Riggs, *Math*  
 Dorothy Rizzo, *Science*  
 Carolyn Rodea, *Science*  
 Samuel Rohr, *Spanish*  
 Sharron Rothe, *Art*  
 Jim Samuel, *Science*



**M**r. Kirchner hands out an award to senior Jaclyn Fréchette. Many faculty members helped with sports throughout the year.



**P**hotography teacher Mr. Tim Eich tells junior Kenneth Cheney about his camera. The art department offered a variety of classes.

## Teachers lives may be more exciting and unpredictable than students give them credit for.

When the thought of a teacher comes across student's mind, they think of a person they see every day for 90 minutes, but little do they know their teachers enjoy doing some of the same activities as they do.

Teachers are thought to play the same role 24 hours a day. Surprise, they lead double lives. Many students may dislike a teacher because they are too strict in the classroom, and make them try hard, or perhaps it's because they try to motivate their students to show their true potential, or even get a good grade. In the long run, these teachers may be some of the coolest people, students will ever cross paths with.

Another thing students may not know about their teachers is that they care about their surrounding community. For instance, Mr. Allison

is a volunteer fire fighter and enjoys it very much. However, it is not only the after school jobs they enjoy. "My favorite part of teaching is when I get to interact with the students and finally seeing the light above their head click when they finally grasp an idea," said English/Speech teacher Miss Martin. After school hours though, they have friends and enjoy many activities. Some activities teachers enjoy are going to the movies, taking vacations, and going to the beach. One teacher, Mr. Moody, even enjoys taking his motorcycle out for a ride after a long day of teaching English.

Some have had interesting lives and great experiences before they became teachers. "The most exciting experience I have ever had is scoring the go-ahead touchdown against Dayton, the number five ranked

college football team in division 1-AA," said first-year teacher Mr. Fantin.

There are very talented athletes among us, also. Mr. Allison played in a Mens National Championship softball team and was named all-american. Mr. Fantin also played in a division 1-AA football for Valparaiso University and was chosen captain his senior year.

Next there are the daredevil type teachers in our school. For example Mr. Kammel and Miss Martin decided one day that they would jump 13,000 feet out of a two propeller airplane however, Mr. Stevens laughs at those one timers since he has successfully parachuted over three hundred times.

In the end, teachers are people too, so do not prejudice a person, especially a teacher, until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

### Written Nickolas Christian

### Designed Regina Gudinas



Tom Sandas, *English*  
Jane Schmidt, *Math*  
William Schott, *Math*  
Darryl Shultz, *Math*  
Raymond Siffrig, *Math*  
Marjorie Slankowski, *Math*  
Debbie Smith, *Math*  
Brightie Snemis, *Math*

Vanessa Sobolewski, *Math*  
Tim Somers, *Math*  
Joseph Sparacino, *Math*  
Mary Sparacino, *Math*  
Cindy Splitgerber, *Math*  
Sue Squire, *Math*  
Cynthia Stojic, *Math*  
Madeline Summers, *Math*

Robert Symer, *Math*  
Larry Tharp, *Math*  
William Timmerman, *Math*  
Charles Tomes, *Math*  
Gail Trobaugh, *Math*  
Peter Turpa, *Math*  
Renee Turpa, *Math*  
Donna White, *Math*

Paula Wiese, *Math*  
Lynn Wilson, *Math*  
Virginia Wilt, *Math*  
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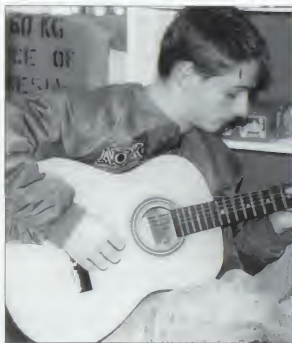
*Since day one opportunities have been  
had the opportunity to support games by  
available to the student body.*

**cheering on the team. On the other**  
*Participating in school functions was*  
**hand, choraliers practiced after school**

*one example. Senior Christopher*  
**to perfect their routines. While, junior**

*Smolnicky puts on his makeup for*  
**Nathan Peek played his guitar.**

*"The Chorus Line". Other Students*



# Mandi Bartok



You've grown into a very special  
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The world is yours now.

Good Luck,

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It seems like only yesterday you were just a little boy, now here you are graduating from Portage High School. Your gentleness, patience, and always doing for others have been an inspiration to all your family. There are many of us who look up to you. We are all very proud of you.

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*At the end of the day students walk towards their cars to end the day and in this case the school year. They leave behind them their books and papers, but the memories they take with them will be forever remembered much longer.*



*There is nothing like school spirit to gain a sense of pride about ones school. The students cheer and shout as a play is made at one of the many football games that the Portage Indians had won. Many students congregated together to support one another.*





*With all things considered, the school year finally comes to a close as the last car pulls out of the parking lot. Another school year has gone as quickly as it came. It will only be a matter of time however before it is full again and alive with all the sounds of a new school year.*

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office for National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million.

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The strategy is based on the following assumptions: (1) that older people are a diverse group with different needs and interests; (2) that older people are able to live independently and actively; (3) that older people are able to access the services and support they need; and (4) that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities. The strategy is based on the following principles: (1) to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people are able to access the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to participate in the life of their communities.

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